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THE

FIRST PRINTED REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

Being a general statement of the finances of the Town from April 8th, 1841, to April 4th, 1842.

The Treasurer has paid out for support of SCHOOLS:

NORTH DISTRICT.

To A. S. Weld for one month's teaching	26 66
" Wm. Pierce for Wood	20 31
" Mary J. Dix for teaching 23 weeks at $4 pr week	92 00
" A. S. Weld for teaching 4 months at $30 pr month	120 00
" Charles Fuller for brooms	1 24
	$310 21

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

To Lauren Kingsbury for 3 1-2 Cort Wood	4 38
" Hannah P. Hollis for teaching School	41 25
" Lauren Kingsbury for Wood and Brooms	19 00
" Oliver P. Woodbury for teaching 4 3-4 months at $27 pr month	128 75
	$193 53

SOUTH DISTRICT.

To Mary Battelle for boarding Mary Adams 12 weeks	12 00
" Mary Adams for teaching 12 weeks	13 00
" Wm. Pierce for Wood	12 00
" Solomon Flagg for teaching 3 months and 4 days	95 45
	$143 45

To Wm. Pierce for 2 journeys to Harvey Bacons and 1-2 day at Almshouse	1 37
" Doct. J. Noyes for medical attendance at the Almshouse	11 22
" Alvin Fuller for his and his wife's services at Almshouse	58 00
" Hon John Welds for interest on his Note	87 00
" Joseph Guild for interest on his Note	30 00
" Alvin Fuller 2d, for supplies for Almshouse	62 67
" Parmelia F. Smith for supporting Mary Wilson 13 wks	6 50
" Elijah Perry jr. for Wood for Almshouse	3 50
" Wm. Pierce for supplies furnished Sally Whiting and Sally Newell	18 87
" George W. Hoogs for supplies for the Almshouse	7 29
" House of Correction at Boston on account of George Dewing	80 82
" Town of Charlestown for the support of Samuel Beverstock	45 52
" Town of Mendon for burying a child	9 00
" For postage of sundry Letters	52
" Elisha Lyon for 3 journeys to Boston and Charlestown	7 00
" Wm. Eaton for a coffin for Olive Peler	3 50
" Alvin Fuller 2d for his services at Almshouse	50 00
	$1404 97
Deduct $60 it being carried to necessary town charges for the use of the Hall	60 00
	$1344 97

NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

To Moses Garfield 2d, for Stationary	3 70
" Doctor J. Noyes for his services as superintendant of Schools	15 00
" Ethel Jennings on abatement on his collection of taxes for 1834–5	4 43
" Elisha Lyon for Lumber at Boston and labor on Day's Bridge	12 64
" Assessor's Bill for services in 1841	49 00
" Wm. Ritchie for his services as Superintendant of Schools	7 00
" Solomon F. Smith interest on his Note against the Town	10 23
" to 8 individuals for services in Engine Co.	10 80
" to Whipple & Damrell for School Books delivered in 1839	8 72
" Interest to Dedham Bank	11 30
" Rufus Mills for School Books	16 01

To Horace Starr for powder for Rifle Rangers	4	00
" Asa Kingsbury for Blank Book	1	50
" Joseph Mills for an abatement of his Poll Tax in 1841	1	80
" James Smith for work on Fuller's bridge	6	75
" James Smith for work on Day's Bridge	3	50
" James Smith for 2 journeys to Royal McIntosh's respecting his banks	1	24
" John Mills for refreshments furnished at Michael McIntosh's fire	2	97
" John Mills for labor, examining 2 bridges and Central Turnpike	3	00
" John Mills for 2 journeys to Royal McIntosh's respecting his banks	1	50
" John Mills for repairs on Upper Falls bridge	1	50
" Moses Garfield 2d. for examining bounds between Central turnpike and rail road & repairing a bridge	1	40
" Wm. Pierce for repairing Newell's bridge and Sol. Fuller's bridge, labor $10, timber & spikes, $3,50	13	50
" Asa Kingsbury for recording 58 births and deaths	4	64
" Charles Rice for stove and pipe for North School	13	00
" Mrs. Sarah Mansfield, abatement of taxes	1	50
" Wm Eaton for painting Armory	5	00
" Daniel Morse for repairing bridge near his house	1	75
" Amos Lyon for abatement of taxes	5	80
" Elisha Lyon for 2 journeys to Royal McIntosh's respecting his banks	1	50
" Elisha Lyon for journey to Elisha Hydes		50
" Lauren Kingsbury for Stove and repairing Plain School House	14	07
" Charles Rice for repairing the North School House	9	90
" Reuben Hurd for repairing Upper Falls School House	1	62
" Wm. Pierce for repairing South School House	7	69
" Wm. Flagg for discount on his collection of Taxes	129	56
" 23 members of the Rifle Co for military services	115	00
" Dedham Bank for interest on money borrowed	10	15
" Joseph Greenwood for rebuilding bridge at L. Falls	30	00
" James Smith for examining bridge at Lower Falls		75
" Town of Dover, 2 year's tax on School land	5	98
" Eunice Smith, interest on her order against the town	17	42
" Wm. Flagg for abatement of taxes committed to him to collect in 1841	16	82
" Wm. Flagg for collecting Taxes in 1841 & discount	66	77
" Galen Orr for warning for Town Meetings	5	00
" Elisha Lyon for 2 journeys to Boston, 1 do. to the Falls and making return of soldiers	5	75
" Wm. Eaton for coffin for Mary McIntire	3	50
" Reuben Hurd for repairing Upper Falls School House	2	90
" Charles Rice for repairing North School House	7	17
" Elisha Lyon for his services as Treasurer $12, extra services $4	16	00

To Luther Morse for repairing Brick School House	1 00
" Lauren Kingsbury for repairing Plain School House	2 13
" Solomon F. Smith, interest on his order	10 23
	$709 59
This amount taken from the Pauper expenses for use of Town Hall	60 00
	$769 59
Balance due Treasurer on last settlement	143 33
	$912 92

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Reuel Ware for work on the Highways in 1840	3 88
" Jonathan Fuller jr. for work on the Highways	11 00
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	53 60
	$68 60

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Moses Garfield 2d for work done on the Highways	15 00
" Do. for work done on the Highway	10 13
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	41 40
	$66 53

NORTH DISTRICT.

To Charles Rice for work done on the Highways	40 00
" Do. for work done on the Highways	25 00
" Do. for work done on the Highways	50 00
" Do. for work done on the Highways	15 00
" Do. for work done on the Highways	15 00
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	83 96
	$228 96

WEST DISTRICT.

To Daniel Morse jr. for work done on the Highways	13 22
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	145 16
	$158 38

UPPER FALLS DISTRICT.

To Wm. A. Kingsbury for work done on the Highways	19 36
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	99 37
	$118 73

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

To George G. Stevens for work done on the Highways	22 22
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District.	100 32
	$122 54

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

To William Pierce for work done on the Highways	15 31
" Do. for work done on the Highways	5 00
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	51 43
	$72 24

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To John Kingsbury 2d for work done on the Highways	9 05
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	83 25
	92 30

SOUTH DISTRICT.

To William Odill for work done on the Highways	32 50
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District	60 03
	$92 53

Paid for support of Schools	1315 58
" for support of poor	1344 97
" for necessary charges	769 59
" for repairs of Highways	1026 87
" Balance due the Treasurer April 5th 1841	143 33
	$4600 34

The Treasurer has received

Of William Flagg Collector for 1841	4977 15
" Ethel Jennings Collector for 1835	9 05
" Nathan McIntosh Collector for 1837	9 72
" the Treasurer of the Commonwealth proportion of School Funds	69 05
" Charles Rice on a Note	23 84
" Daniel Kingsbury jr. for School Books in 1838	7 45
" Town of Mendon mistake in their account	1 00

Of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the Military services of 23 members of the Rifle Company	115 00
" the Commonwealth for State Paupers	9 21
	$5221 50
Amount paid out	4600 34
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	$621 16

The Town raised by rate or tax	4940 00
Over lays on the grants	57 50
For School Books	16 01
	$5013 51

And Appropriated the same as follows:

For repairs on Highways	1000 00
" support of Schools, $60 interest money included	1200 00
" support of Poor	800 00
" Necessary Town charges	1400 00
" Building a School House Lower Falls District	600 00
" County Tax	277 19
	$5277 19

April 5th, 1841, Due from the Town:

To Hon. John Wells on Note	2000 00
" Joseph Guild "	500 00
" Solomon F. Smith on an order	170 50
" Eunice Smith " "	290 33
	$4004 16

Due to the Town:

From Moses Garfield on Note	1000 00
Interest due on said Note since Aug. 3d 1840	

THOMAS KINGSBURY,
ELISHA LYON,
WILLIAM LYON,
} Committee.

H. Mann, Book & Job Printer, Dedham.

THE

SECOND PRINTED REPORT

ON THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

BEING A

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN

FOR THE YEAR

1822.

The Treasurer has paid out for support of SCHOOLS, as follows:

NORTH DISTRICT.

To Mary J. Dix, for teaching, 16 weeks,		$64 00
" William Pierce, for 1 cord pine wood,		4 00
" " 4 cords 2½ feet oak wood,		25 87
" " for surveying the above,		24
" Isaac Keys, for 2 brooms, 25 cts.; Blackboard, 50 cts.,		75
" " sawing, splitting, and piling 5 cords, 2½ ft.,		10 62
" L. A. Chase, for teaching, 4 months, 1 day less,		138 41
" M. J. Dix, for teaching, 4 months,		48 00
		$291 89

WEST DISTRICT.

To Solomon Flagg, for boarding L. A. Bacon 18 weeks,	$27 00
" Lucy A. Bacon, for teaching, 18 weeks,	36 00
" W. A. Wight, for teaching, 4 months,	140 00
" Caroline F. Fuller, for teaching, 16 weeks,	44 00
" Horace Stevens, for 5 cords wood,	22 50

To Isaac Flagg, for sawing and splitting 6 cords wood, .	8 25
" Willard Kingsbury, for 1 cord wood, . . .	4 50
	$282 25

UPPER FALLS.

To E. E. Eaton, for teaching, 8 weeks and board, . .	$20 00
" M. S. Williams, for teaching, six weeks and board, .	15 00
" Thomas Kingsbury, 2 cords wood, pine and oak, cut and split, ...	13 00
" J. McKim, for teaching 3 months, ...	90 00
	$138 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Susan D. Ware, for teaching, 19 weeks, . . .	$61 75
" Luther Morse, for 2 cords 1 foot wood, . . .	9 41
" " 2 brooms, 50 cts.; for cutting, splitting and piling 2 cords 1 foot of wood, . . .	3 50
" Benton Smith, for teaching 17 weeks, . . .	68 00
" John Mills, for boarding teacher 17 weeks, . .	38 25
	$180 91

PLAIN DISTRICT.

To Clara Bullen, for teaching, 16 weeks, . . .	$42 66
" Lemuel Kingsbury, for 16½ ft. pine and birch wood, .	10 38
" " 8 ft. oak, ...	5 00
" " sawing and packing the above,	3 00
" O. G. Woodbury, for teaching, 4½ months, . .	126 00
" Lemuel Kingsbury for 2 ft. wood, ...	1 46
	$188 50

SOUTH DISTRICT.

To Mary Adams, for teaching, 16 weeks, . . .	$48 00
" William Pierce, for 13½ ft. hard and 4 ft. pine wood, .	10 06
" " cutting the above, . . .	1 50
" Solomon Flagg, for teaching, 10⅚ weeks, . . .	77 73
	$137 29

Paid for Support of Poor.

To Alvan Fuller, 2d, for supplies for almshouse,		$30 00
" Hez'h Fuller, for service, burying I. Hasting's child,		1 75
" William Eaton, for coffin for the above,		2 00
" city of Boston, for support of J. E. Brightmore,		3 50
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, for supplies for almshouse,		83 72
" " services on town farm,		50 00
" Solomon Flagg, for support of Angeletta Kingsbury, at Worcester Insane Hospital, $81 12; for journey to Worcester, $4 50,		85 62
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, for supplies for almshouse,		84 [illegible]
" " service at the almshouse,		50 00
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, for supplies for almshouse,		25 00
" Doct. J. Noyes, for medicine and attendance,		7 72
" town of Mendon, for support of Eunice Smith,		3 00
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, for supplies for almshouse,		77 86
" " services,		50 00
" Worcester Insane Hospital, for Angeletta Kingsbury,		17 88
" Ichabod Bullen, for Mrs. Ayer's bill, at the House of correction,		6 56
" Doct. E. Nichols, for medical attendance to H. Bacon,		6 00
" town of Milford, for support of Chas. Smith's children,		3 00
" " " " " "		6 45
" town of Hopkinton, " " "		2 85
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, supplies at almshouse,		74 59
" " service,		50 00
" Doct. J. Noyes, for medical attendance,		9 00
" Thomas Kingsbury, for 2½ ft. oak wood, for J. Charlette,		1 50
" Solomon Flagg, for journey to Milford with Alvan Fuller, for the children of C. Smith,		1 25
" town of Milford, for funeral expense of Mrs. C. Smith, and support of her children,		12 08
" Dea. H. Fuller, for funeral service of J. Hasting's child,		2 00
" William Pierce for sills for the barn, 71 ft. a 6¼,		4 63
" John Welles, Esq., for inst. on note,		174 00
		$926 22

Paid for Necessary Charges.

To Wm. Eaton, for lumber and labor for Upper Falls Bridge,	$39	71
" Thos. Kingsbury, for carting the above lumber,	2	06
" Asa Kingsbury, for recording births and deaths,	5	84
" Wm. Pierce, for lumber and labor on bridges in the West Centre Highway District,	14	74
" Elisha Lyon, for two quires blank orders,	2	00
" Wm. Pierce, for lumber and labor on bridges,	21	78
" Alvan Fuller, 2d, for sleepers for a bridge,	2	80
" Assessors, for taking inventory and making taxes,	45	00
" Wm. Eaton, for railing near the Upper Falls, and labor on Upper Falls Bridge,	30	00
" Luther Morse, for hinges and nails for barn,	3	81
" Wm. Eaton, for guide-posts and boards, and labor,	46	61
" Jeremiah Allen, for blinds for school-houses,	62	32
" Wm. Pierce, for lumber and carting for bridges,	13	23
" Abijah Greenwood, for service as Com. on building the North School-house,	2	00
" Wm. Eaton, for building the North School-house,	864	00
" Doct. Josiah Noyes, for visiting schools and examining teachers,	15	00
" Dexter Ware, for visiting schools and examining teachers,	15	00
" Fuller & Smith, for finishing anew the inside of the Centre School-house, $36; for powder for R. R. $2;	38	00
" Moses Garfield, for building the S. Mill Bridge,	33	68
" Martin Hunting, for pointing North School-house,	3	00
" John Mills, for sundry services, 4½ days,	7	00
" Solomon Flagg, for sundry services, 3½ days, and postage, 48 cts.,	5	98
" Thos. Kingsbury, for labor 9½ days, and lime,	10	60
" Wm. Pierce, for 4 days with County Commissioners, and on town farm, $5; lead for R. R. and stationery,	7	21
" Wm. Eaton, for 2½ days with County Commissioners, 1 day on town farm, service building North School-house,	8	50
" Dexter Ware, for service as building committee,	4	00
" Elisha Lyon, for Upper Falls School-house,	474	00
" Chas. Rice, for stoves and funnel for North School-house,	23	16
" Silas Williams, for repairing Upper Falls Bridge,	1	00
" Thos. Kingsbury, for stove and funnel for Upper Falls School-house,	17	37
" Charles Rice, for service as building committee, for labor preparing the situation, and for cash paid Reuben Ware, $5 50, and sundry articles furnished for North School-house,	25	00

To Rufus Mills, for selling Upper Falls Schoolhouse and S. duty,	2	00
" Wm. Pierce, lumber for bridges and railing,	9	50
" Wm. Eaton, for three school-house desks,	15	00
" " " service as building committee Upper Falls School-house,	4	00
" Wm. Eaton, for lock, 1 25, setting up stoves, 75,	2	00
" Elisha Lyon, for the printing the Reports of the Expenditures of the Town, $10, for taxes to Dover, $1 91,	11	91
" Elisha Lyon, interest to Dedham Bank,	8	77
" Thos. Kingsbury, for services on Com. to prepare Report of the financial affairs of the Town for 1841,	5	55
" Elisha Lyon, for services on Committee as above,	6	55
" Wm. Lyon, for service as above on Committee,	5	55
" Isaac Flagg, for repairs on West School-house,	1	92
" Wm. Jones, for warning town meetings,	6	25
" Elisha Lyon, for discount on taxes for 1842,	104	83
" Eunice Smith, for interest on note for 1842,	17	42
" Israel Whitney, for postage bill,		50
" Silas Williams, for repairs on Upper Falls School-house,		75
" Elisha Lyon, for collecting taxes and interest,	71	81
" " " for service as treasurer, $12; extra service, $4;	16	00
" Solomon F. Smith, for interest on note,	10	23
" Elisha Lyon, for abatement of taxes for the following persons: John J. Dadman, Wm. H. Hersey, E. Howard, T. D. Morse, Wm Walley, Lemuel Wood, John Beers, Edward Smith, Hugh Quinn, John Scolley, Patrick Ridley,	17	85
" Elisha Lyon, for abatement of taxes for the following persons: John Burlin, $1 60; Jabez Smith, $5 60; Edmund Crow, $1 60; West Parish, Newton, $1 20;	10	00
" E. K. Whitaker, for books furnished the schools in the east part of the town,	41	51
" Joseph Guild, for interest on note,	30	00
Total,	$2,244	35

Paid for Repairs of Highways.

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

(Seth Dewing, Jr., Surveyor.)

For work done by the inhabitants,	60 90

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

(Daniel Hurd, Surveyor.)

To Daniel Hurd, for work done on the highway,	10 00
For do. by the inhabitants of the district,	53 70
	$63 70

NORTH DISTRICT.

(Charles Rice, Surveyor.)

To Charles Rice, for work done on the highway,	50 00
Do. do. do.	20 00
Do. do. do.	7 59
Do. do. do.	20 00
Do. do. do.	60 00
For work done by the inhabitants of the district,	98 63
	$256 22

WEST DISTRICT.

(Solomon Flagg, Surveyor.)

To Solomon Flagg, for work on the highway,	6 00
Do. do. do.	10 45
For work done by the inhabitants of the district,	150 06
	$166 51

UPPER FALLS DISTRICT.

(Thomas Kingsbury, Surveyor.)

To Thomas Kingsbury, for work done on the highway,	10 00
Do. do. do.	29 98
For work done by the inhabitants of the district,	71 46
	$111 44

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

(Geo. G. Stevens, Surveyor.)

To Geo. G. Stevens, for work done on the highway, . .	14 00
For work done by the inhabitants of the district, . .	114 12
	$128 12

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

(Wm. Pierce, Surveyor.)

To Wm. Pierce, for work done on the highway, . .	8 00
Do. do. do. . . .	3 58
For work done by the inhabitants of the district, . .	57 45
	$69 03

CENTRE DISTRICT.

(John Mills, Surveyor.)

To John Mills, for work done on the highway, . .	10 79
For work done by the inhabitants of the district, . .	83 70
	$94 49

SOUTH DISTRICT.

(Charles Fuller, Surveyor.)

To Charles Fuller, for work done on the highway, . .	11 96
For work done by the inhabitants of the district, . .	85 63
	$97 59

Amount paid for support of schools, ...	1218 84
Do. do. support of the poor, ...	926 22
Do. do. necessary charges, ...	2244 35
Do. do. repairs of highways, ...	1048 00
Do. do. county tax, ...	251 99
	$5689 40

Contra—Amounts of credits in the treasury on the last settlement, ...	621 16
Received of the State Treasurer, as school fund, . .	50 59
Do. Clark & Stow, for North school-house, .	105 00
Do. Wm. Flagg, collector for 1841, balance in full,	36 44
Taxes assessed for 1842, and committed to the treasurer for collection, ...	4265 31

Amount of school books delivered, unpaid,		41 51
Joshua B. Lyon, cash borrowed,		500 00
		$5620 01
Sum total of expenditures,	$5689 40	
Do. of credits,	5620 01	
	69 39	

Due from the Town to the following:

To Hon. John Welles, on note,	2900 00
" Joseph Guild, " "	500 00
" Solomon F. Smith, " "	170 50
" Eunice Smith, " "	290 33
" Joshua B. Lyon, " "	500 00
	$4360 83

Due to the Town from

The estate of Moses Garfield, on note,	1000 00
Interest on the above to April, 1843,	160 00
	$1160 00

WILLIAM FLAGG,
DEXTER WARE,
THOMAS KINGSBURY, } *Committee.*

Needham, April, 1843.

Dutton & Wentworth's Print.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

NEEDHAM,

FOR 1849—50.

ROXBURY:
NORFOLK COUNTY JOURNAL PRESS.
OVER CENTRAL MARKET.
1850.

REPORT.

The Superintending Committee of the Public Schools of Needham for 1849—50, present to the Town the following Report. The public schools of the town are now all closed but one, and your Committee are happy to state that, on the whole, their character is in advance of that of the preceding year.

The school in the East District was the first that closed. During the summer term this school was taught by a female; and notwithstanding the large number of scholars and the irregular attendance, a fair improvement was manifest.

It was under the charge of a male during the winter term. The school was large and many of the scholars small and backward, and required the talents and experience of the best of teachers to do it justice; and a much longer session to begin to place it by the side of our best schools. In the midst of these embarrassments, a general improvement was obvious, and decidedly so in some of the branches.

The removal of the old school house in the Centre District, to give place for a new and better one, prevented a summer session. During the winter term the school was divided into two departments. That embracing the smaller children, was taught by a female; the other by a male. After the former was freed from the larger scholars and reduced very much in number, the improvement was rapid; and the whole appearance of the school was highly creditable, both to teacher and pupils. Here was no neglect of the blackboard, nor want of untiring effort to have every thing passed over, well understood and defined.

The session in the older department, was rather too short for scholars advanced in age and deprived of a summer school. The improvement, however, was good, and the

character of the school very much advanced, especially in order and propriety of conduct.

The summer term and the younger department in winter, in the West District, was under the care of the same teacher. This school continues to maintain its former elevated character. The teacher seems to understand well how to govern and how to interest her little circle, as well as to arrange, classify, and instruct it. During all the visits of your Committee, harmony and good feeling have been prominent characteristics; and a lively interest in all the studies has been manifest, both in teacher and scholar. The progress of the school has been not only thorough, but rapid; as will always be the case when the teacher is well qualified for the station.

The older department, with its former faithful and laborious teacher at its head, has fully sustained its former onward and upward course. Here, as well as in the other department, the school has been well arranged and judiciously managed; the recitations thorough, and the blackboard a prominent assistant. Such schools are an honor, not only to teacher and pupil, but to the district and town, and highly recommend the policy of securing the services of good instructors for several years in succession, rather than risk a change for strangers, on merits of high recommendation.

The summer term in the South District was under the charge of a teacher who seemed to do her very best to raise the character of the school. The arrangement and order of the school were very good, and some of the scholars were industrious and much interested in their studies; but the greater part seemed to be rather indolent and careless, and perfectly satisfied with their present attainments. This was the teacher's first school — a school quite unfit for any but the well experienced, and those who know well their duty, and have energy, decision, and dignity of character, seldom found in new beginners.

The winter term was also under the care of a female. This too was her first school. Every effort on her part was manifest to elevate its character, and, as in the summer term, some improvement was apparent. Industry and diligence, and a love of study and good order, were the characteristics of some of the scholars; but too many seemed careless and inattentive, and but little inclined to study. Your Committee are of opinion that the interests of this district, require the skill and services of experienced teachers, those every way competent for the discipline and instruction of any school in town.

The Great Plains District had the services of the same teacher, both summer and winter. For several years past this school has been under the care of a female, and no district in town has had better success. Its couse has been invariably progressive. It now stands high in the estimation of your Committee.

Its general good order, propriety of conduct, and familiarity with the various branches attended to, manifest diligence, effort and good feeling, on the part both of teacher and pupil. This is another instance of good policy, in retaining a competent teacher for a successive number of terms.

The North District has been rather unfortunate the past year. Both the summer term and the older department in the winter met with a change of teachers.

The teacher in the former, though apparently every way qualified for the task, did not succeed in gaining the universal good will and affection of the scholars, either satisfactory to herself or the district, and peremptorily declined remaining in the school only a part of the term. After a protracted recess, another teacher was employed more successful and satisfactory; so much so that her services were procured for the younger department for the winter term. Her order and arrangement, mode of teaching, and untiring zeal in her efforts to advance the character of the school, have given it a prosperous and salutary appearance. It is still in session, and its progress is praiseworthy to scholars and teacher.

In the male teacher, selected for the older department, the Committee were sadly disappointed. His examination was good and backed up with recommendations of no ordinary character. His school made some improvement, but far below the anticipations of the Committee. His manner of governing and imparting instruction, was extremely singular, and much behind the times. After the close of rather a short and peculiar career, the school was united with the other department, quite in accordance with the wishes of the district and Committee.

Though our schools may be said to be generally in a healthy and prosperous condition, and some of them eminently so, still there remains much to be done, to place them all on that elevated ground that our means and duties demand. If parents generally, could be induced, now and then, to visit the school room, much would be gained in sustaining and building up our schools. There would be a more intimate acquaintance between them and their

teacher; less fault would be found, and difficulties more easily and readily adjusted. Their presence would encourage and stimulate the whole school; and even carry home to the fire side and family circle, views and feelings, words and actions, salutary and lasting; and our School Registers would wear a more healthy appearance, and be less defaced with lines and marks for unnecessary tardiness and absence.

Were there a less variety of books and every scholar well supplied, it would reduce the number of classes, lessen the burden and perplexity of the teacher, and be an untold gain to the school generally, and especially so, to individual scholars. Not unfrequently for the want of a suitable book, a child goes to school a whole term and gains little or nothing. Here, the economical parent throws away five dollars to save five cents. Scholars cannot make suitable progress unless they have suitable books, and are well supplied. This continually borrowing books, or two using the same book at the same time, is a fruitful source of trouble and difficulty. It occasions not only whispering and moving, bad lessons, and loss of time, but too frequently makes good scholars bad ones, and bad ones worse. A selection of books should be fixed upon that would reduce the number of classes as much as possible. This would make the school more compact, and afford a much greater amount of tuition and attention to each scholar. And if the same kind of books were used in all the schools in town, the removal of a family or scholar from one district to another, would not create the necessity of procuring new ones.

Your Committee is highly gratified, that there is a disposition on the part of the town to make a different division of the school money; one that will place the child of the penniless on equal ground with that of the wealthy. This seems to be the true plan and christian design of the Free school system of New England. One of the brightest and noblest traits in the character of our fathers, is exhibited in this well devised, and better designed system of common school instruction. It is a legacy of inestimable value, and should be preserved in its purity, and handed down unimpaired to the latest posterity.

To prevent unnecessary injury to the different school houses in town, and to aid in their future protection, your Committee would suggest the policy of giving them to the several districts in which they are located. They would also recommend, that the chairs in the upper room of the West District, be so altered as to place the writing desks directly in front of the scholars when facing the teacher's ta-

ble, instead of by their side, as they now are. The proposed alteration would cost but little, and would be, we think, for the utility of the scholar, and much more convenient for the teacher. In conclusion, we would say, to have good schools we must have good teachers. Without the latter, it is impossible to have the former. We may have good school rooms and every needed aparatus connected with them. Books of the best selection may be well supplied; and in addition we may have the co-operation and lively interests both of parents and school committees; but after all, "as is the teacher so is the school."

We want teachers that are up to the times; that know their duty and are willing to perform it; that are cheerful and happy in the school room, and love their employment; that have hearts enlarged and warmed by feelings and motives, higher and broader than mere day wages. In the language of the Secretary of the Board of Education;—"We may with as much truth affirm, that the teacher is the vital organ of the school, as the Athenian Poets did, that men are the bulwark of a city."

"All the other provisions of a school are subordinates to this. Neither large appropriations of money, nor well constructed and well furnished houses, nor regularity of attendance, nor zeal on the part of parents, nor careful supervision by Committees, will be of any avail, if to crown the whole, the teacher be not qualified for his task. Nothing is more certain than that the schools themselves vary, with the varying character of their teachers. Indeed, these are to their schools, what generals are to an army."

The best teachers possible should be selected; one every way qualified for the task. Favoritism and individual interest should be entirely out of the question, in procuring and recommending a teacher. The interest and welfare of the whole district should be most prominent in every step that is taken. A first rate school for one month, is preferable to one of ordinary character three times as long. Our apparently cheap schools are in the end the most expensive. First rate teachers are scarce, and not easily obtained. Of this the Commonwealth has long since been apprised, and to supply the deficiency has wisely established her Normal Schools. These are working admirably for our common school instruction. Their sole object is, to qualify in the best possible manner for the laborious, responsible, and important task of teaching. For this their facilities are extensive, and when age, natural ability and tact for teaching, are combined in the pupil, they furnish extraordinary

good teachers, — teachers that should be encouraged and employed; especially when others of high attainments and qualifications cannot be procured.

By an examination of the School Register, we find there still exists a great loss on account of absence and tardiness of scholars. Nearly one third of the amount of school money and time of children is worse than thrown away, in this injurious and mischievous manner. For the absence or tardiness of a scholar, affects not only himself, but more or less the whole school. This is neither prudence nor economy; and parents generally, by a little attention and exertion, might secure a more punctual and regular attendance of their children, and thereby in a great measure, remedy this serious evil. There is still a great difference in the towns in the State, in the amount of money raised for schools, in proportion to the number of scholars between four and sixteen years of age.

Boston stands the highest.	$10	65	to a scholar.
Brookline next, ...	7	39	" "
Dedham, 8, ...	5	71	" "
Needham, 139, ...	2	57	" "
Dover, 21, ...	4	69	" "
Newton, 53, ...	3	49	" "
Naick, 231, ...	2	08	" "

All which is respectfully submitted.

NATHAN LONGFELLOW, } *School*
SOLOMON FLAGG, } *Committee.*

Needham, March 28th, 1850.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

NEEDHAM,

FOR

1850--51.

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REPORT.

In conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth, the Superintending Committee of the Public Schools of Needham, now offer their Report for 1850—51, for the town's consideration.

The closing examinations of all the Schools have taken place, and the Committee feel authorized to say that they have generally, through the year, been as well conducted, that the attendance, discipline and instruction, collectively considered, have deserved as much commendation as was given to them in the last Report.

In all the schools there are faults that may and ought to be corrected. There are more instances of absence and tardiness in every school, than are necessary. The committee regret to find the School Records, at the close of every school term, dishonored by so many of those marks. We are at fault, in common with many towns, in regard to absence and tardiness. These are faults of long standing and demand the united efforts of parents and teachers for their correction. And in some of our schools there is much need of improvement in the order, in the general deportment, and in attention to study. On these important points much may and should be done by energetic teachers and by parents in aid of teachers, by seasonable and correct discipline of their children at home, by judicious advice and direction in regard to their punctuality, their general deportment, their attention to study, and their respectful and ready observance of the wishes and directions of their teachers.

A school without proper order and discipline, is no school for improvement; and a teacher who does not and cannot properly regulate his or her school has not found his or her right position. To have our schools such as they should be, they must have well qualified and faithful teachers; they must have punctual and constant attendance at school hours, with attention to order and study during school hours, aided by the right influences of parents with their children, for obtaining so desirable a result.

It is very desirable to have no other than well qualified teachers, well qualified in knowledge, in morals, as disciplinariens, and in various other interesting accomplishments. But such teachers are not always readily found. To obtain them is often difficult, sometimes impossible. Though the market contains a pretty full supply of teachers, it is not well supplied with *such* teachers as the public demands. There are many poor teachers, and a poor teacher is a bad commodity, not worth the purchase at any price. But committees of much experience and consideration are not always sure of engaging good teachers, even when highly recommended for their qualifications, and after passing a very full and satisfactory examination. The wisest precaution cannot prevent deception and disappointment. The teacher's success in the right management, instruction and improvement of the school, is the only sure criterion of his qualifications and merit.

The manner of selecting and engaging teachers, is not probably the best for securing those of a high character. In many towns, as in this town, the teachers are engaged by Prudential Committees, conditionally engaged of course, for when examined, as the law requires, they are sometimes found deficient in legal qualifications. Prudential Committees, though men of influence in their Districts, are not always competent judges of teachers' just pretensions and merits. They may be sometimes more interested to obtain schools for friends or relatives, than to promote the schools' interest. They may be sometimes so far influenced by per-

sonal considerations as to make the good of the schools quite a secondary concern. The Examining Committee's refusal to approbate teachers presented by Prudential Committees, though in many cases necessary, is an unpleasant duty; it may give offence and occasion difficulty in Districts. For these and other reasons it well deserves consideration, whether or not it would be better for superintending committees to select as well as examine the teachers. This additional duty those committees by no means desire, yet some towns prefer their performing it. Prudential committees who select the teachers should be competent judges of their qualifications to teach, or defer to others in aid of so important a selection.

Though teachers under examination may appear well prepared for the profession; though they may be thoroughly acquainted with the best theories and modes of teaching, of recitation and discipline; though they may have all necessary knowledge of books and of the branches of study to which the scholars' attention is to be directed, yet they may not be well qualified for teaching; they may fail in the practical application of principles and theories; they may fail in the arrangement of classes and studies; they may fail in the order and discipline of their schools. Whatever is their theory, their knowledge, or pretension, if failing in those essential requisites, they are incompetent teachers, unfit for the important office which they have assumed.

There are causes apart from the disposition, the temper and temperament of wayward and refractory children, that have much influence in rendering it difficult to maintain good order and discipline in schools. There are parents whose injudicious management of their children in many respects, and not least in relation to schools and to their teachers, has a strong counteracting influence against the teacher's efforts for regulating and instructing the schools; and children ill managed at home will often be found not easily to be well managed at school.

But however, and from whatever cause, children are dis-

posed to be disorderly and annoying at school, they must be subjected to reasonable rule and order. This, if practicable, should be effected by mild and kind persuasion, by appeals to their best feelings and affections; but if such means fail, —by energetic and coercive measures; by timely, firm, and persevering discipline, the disorderly and perverse may and must be so improved in disposition, in manner and character, as to become attentive to study, obedient to rule and direction, and correct and respectful in their general deportment. Discipline like this, is far preferable to dismission from school in the indulgence, and in consequence of their obstinacy, disobedience and ill conduct. Teachers should be so qualified for their profession as to be able, by justifiable and judicious means, to bring their scholars, however refractory they may find them, into good order and attention to study, and to gain, in aid of their efforts, the approval and co-operation of parents, especially the co-operation of the parents of the most disorderly and refractory scholars.

There are in our Commonwealth many well qualified teachers of both sexes; yet the demand for them is far greater than the supply. A good many of these have received their professional education at our State Normal Schools. The public would be essentially benefitted by the increase of this number a hundred-fold. But all who have been educated for teachers at those schools are not successful teachers. The teacher's tact and adaptation for the work, all do not—cannot acquire. And there are excellent teachers of both sexes who never attended and never visited a Normal School. The teacher's thorough practical qualifications are the "sine qua non"—are far more important than the mere fact that they were educated for their profession in any school or college, however celebrated. This should be fully understood. Excellent, model teachers are annually educated at the Normal schools. These schools are an honor to the State. They are doing immeasurable good to the cause of common school education. And other teachers of high order, model teachers, male and female,

wherever educated, at school or at home, by aid of others, or by their own unaided efforts, may justly be classed side by side with well educated Normal Teachers. There are teachers of this class; but it is the establishment of Normal schools that has imparted, and is imparting, much of the spirit of improvement which disposes many teachers to acquire, and the public to demand in them, higher and still higher qualifications.

But it is time to give a sketch of the condition of the several schools as the Committee have found them during the past year.

For a few years past the *North* school has had considerable variety in the character and merits of its teachers, with corresponding difference in the improvement of the school. For three months of the summer term this school was under the direction of a female well qualified to teach, and interested and untiring in her efforts for its improvement. Her mild and amiable character seemed to have a better influence in fitting her for a successful teacher, than for a strict disciplinarian. Her scholars made good proficiency in their studies, and it would have been well for the school, if her services could have been continued through the term. The closing examination was highly creditable to her ability and faithfulness. The teacher appointed to finish the term could not engage the scholars' attention, or maintain the order and discipline, without which, satisfactory improvement is impossible.

The younger apartment for the winter term was in charge of a female. The scholars were quite young, and they formed a beautiful school. Their quietness, good behavior, and attention to study, through the term, were very satisfactory to the Committee. The instructer gave a fine specimen of teaching and discipline. The closing examination presented the school in as favorable a condition, and

exhibited as much improvement for the term, as any one of the schools for the same term exhibited.

The winter school of the older apartment was furnished with a male instructer. The scholars required more of his attention than was agreeable, for preserving the order and quietness which are desirable and delightful in school. Yet though stricter discipline would have benefited the school, it was, on the whole, fortunate in the teacher, and well instructed. Many of the District attended its last examination; which left on their minds, and on the minds of the Committee the impression, that the degree of improvement and the condition of the school were fair proof of the bestowment of much thought and exertion by teacher and scholars in performing their respective duties.

The *South* school for the summer term was instructed by a female. Anxious to have a good school, she spared no efforts to make it such. It is not, and has not been, one of our advanced schools. There has been generally among its scholars the want of interest, of laudable ambition, and of effort requisite for attaining excellence. The teacher did all in her power to gain the attention of the scholars, to interest them in their studies,—and her efforts were not without manifest success. If their improvement did not equal her expectations, it was not less than the Committee, from past experience, had a right to anticipate.

The school for the winter term, with a male teacher, did not meet the hopes and expectations of the Committee. The instructer found the school somewhat disposed to disorder, and to inattention to study. Though he endeavored to correct those faults, and for a time gave some hope of success, he had not enough of the teacher's art, of the teacher's spirit, zeal and perseverance, to gain the desired object. Although some of the scholars made fair improvement, he was not the efficient teacher required for that school. It

was manifest, at the close of the school, as at the Committee's occasional visits, that it needed a teacher more experienced, more energetic, more persevering.

In the *East District*, the same teacher, a female, was employed for the summer and winter terms. In her literary and moral character, she had the requisite qualifications. During the summer term her school, which was small, made perceptible improvement. But she was not fitted for that school in the winter, which is then large and difficult. Though she labored anxiously to improve the school, and with some effect, it required more power of persuasion, and more physical ability than she, and probably more than one female teacher in a hundred possesses, without the efficient aid of parents, to manage it successfully, during the winter. She had in the school some perverse and disobedient boys, who were not well disposed to study, and seemed purposely bent on disorder. That school needs, and must have for the winter term, a male teacher of experience, one at the same time considerate and decisive, calm and judicious, firm and persevering;—one whose rules shall be reasonable and easily understood, and shall be impartially and faithfully enforced; and parents should feel bound, by home instruction, advice and direction, to aid in sustaining the teacher's efforts to improve the order and raise the character of the school.

The *West District* very judiciously re-engaged, for the past year, the teachers who had given satisfactory evidence for several preceding years, of their fidelity and success as teachers and disciplinarians. It was manifest, at the Committee's occasional visits, and at the close of the schools, that they had fully sustained the high reputation which their former services had gained for them. A *good* teacher becomes better by time, observation and experience. The public interest is advanced by retaining well-qualified and successful instructers for many successive seasons. Such

teachers will not be stationary in their professional character, but they will advance in their attainments and qualifications as fast and as far as the state of society and general information in their march of improvement demand. Observation and experience, which are among the wisest of counsellors, recommend never to change a positive good for what may prove valueless; never voluntarily to part with highly-approved teachers, of either sex, with the uncertain expectation of obtaining others more, or equally, acceptable or meritorious.

The school in the *Centre District*, for the summer term, was under the care of the female who taught in the younger apartment, the previous winter. She devoted her time at home, as at school, to the interest of the scholars. She had an established, high reputation as a teacher; but that term exhibited her best specimen of thorough teaching. Her efforts for the school's benefit were as great and persevering as her physical constitution could sustain unimpaired. The improvement of the school was highly commendatory to her useful labors, and its closing examination, which was well attended by the District, gave universal satisfaction.

The younger school for the winter term had for its instructer the female whose services were well approved in the South District the past summer. Her exertions to maintain correct discipline, to secure the attention of the scholars, and to advance them in their studies, were unremitting. Her instructions, her discipline and management of the school, were so successful and satisfactory, that the Superintending Committee recommended her engagement in the same District for the summer term.

A male teacher was early engaged for the upper apartment. At the commencement of the school, he found that he had a heavy task before him. Though in the preceding winter some improvement was gained in attention to study,

in the order and discipline of the school, it was still much at fault in these respects. For several winters there has been wanting, among the older boys especially, the true scholar-like spirit, and not much less of the true teacher-like spirit in the male instructers. There have been, for several winters, strong cases of obstinacy, disobedience and inattention to study. The teacher was peculiarly fitted to the circumstances and character of the school. By justifiable and judicious measures he effected an important change in its character, as to general deportment, to order, and attention to study. In point of various improvements, it gave much satisfaction, and did great credit to the teacher's qualifications for instruction and discipline.

The *Great Plain District* for the summer term had the instructions of the female who, with that term, closed her useful labors as the teacher of that school for the three preceding years. She was a successful teacher and disciplinarian. The influence of her instructions and character was very improving to the character and deportment of the school. She had a happy faculty in communicating instruction, and in aiding the development of the powers of the young mind. The mutual attachment of teachers and scholars, always to be recommended, was uniformly exhibited, and greatly tended to the good order, agreeable deportment and industry of the school. It closed with a very interesting examination.

A male instructer was employed for the winter term. He then and there commenced the application of his system of teaching. Though young, as well as a beginner, his labors were very successful. He devoted himself with much interest and assiduity to his work. Many hours at home he judiciously expended in preparation of exercises for the school-room. He was desirous of making thorough, not superficial scholars, and he allowed nothing in their studies to be passed over without being understood. The degree of merit, in his estimation, is not to be denoted by

'How much has been performed?'—but by 'How well it has been performed.' None of our examinations gave proof of more thorough teaching, of more thorough proficients in the several branches studied, than the examination of the Great Plain District.

In closing their Report, your Committee feel authorized to say, that the aggregate of good teaching, of good discipline, of improvement in study, and in regular deportment, during the past year, though not so high as they would gladly find it, has not fallen below that of any former year.

DANIEL KIMBALL,
NATHAN LONGFELLOW,
SOLOMON FLAGG,
} *School Committee.*

Needham, April 7, 1851.

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THE

THIRD PRINTED REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM.

BEING A GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN

For the Year ending April 1, 1852.

Prepared and Printed by Vote of the Town

DEDHAM:
PRINTED BY H. A. MANN, HIGH STREET.
1852.

REPORT.

THE TREASURER HAS PAID OUT FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS:

NORTH DISTRICT.

To Sarah B. Kingsbury for teaching sixteen weeks,.....	$80	00
" Wm. Pierce for wood,.....	21	51
" Ebenezer Smith for sawing and splitting wood,.....	6	62
" Wm. L. Clark for cleaning house, pail, broom, &c.,....	7	60
" Z. R. Tappan for teaching eighteen weeks,.....	72	00
" G. E. Clark for teaching seventeen and a half weeks,..	175	00
" G. E. Clark for building fires,.....	5	00
	$367	73

EAST DISTRICT.

To Charlotte Kingsbury for teaching sixteen weeks,.....	$80	00
" J. H. Carter for wood, cleaning the house, &c.,.....	23	25
" Wm. Hurd for making fires three months,.....	3	00
" Solomon Flagg for teaching fourteen weeks,.....	140	00
	$246	25

GREAT PLAINS DISTRICT.

To M. Leonard for teaching twelve weeks,.....	$60	00
" Otis Morton, Jr. for wood,.....	16	42
" Otis Morton, Jr. for two brooms and one dipper,.....		78
" Charlotte Kingsbury for teaching twenty weeks,.....	120	00
	$197	20

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Adeline M. Eaton for teaching sixteen weeks,.....	$72	00
" Daniel Kimball for wood, brooms, &c.,.....	27	79
" Edwin French for teaching fourteen weeks,.....	122	50
" Adeline M. Eaton for teaching thirteen weeks,.....	58	50
	$280	79

SOUTH DISTRICT.

To L. P. Holland for teaching eleven weeks,	$22 00
" L. P. Holland for teaching seven weeks,	14 00
" Mrs. Newell for boarding teacher eighteen weeks,	31 50
" L. Sumner for wood, brooms, &c.,	24 75
" J. S. Hodges for teaching twenty weeks,	100 00
	$192 25

WEST DISTRICT.

To Augustus Fuller for two brooms,	$ 50
" Sophronia Kingsbury for teaching sixteen weeks	80 00
" Augustus Fuller for wood,	30 88
" E. J. Alden for teaching fourteen weeks,	140 00
" Sophronia Kingsbury for teaching sixteen weeks,	80 00
" G. F. Darling for cleaning house and brooms,	1 50
	$332 88

NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

To D. Kimball, N. Longfellow and S. Flagg for examining teachers, visiting schools, taking census and making out Report for Town and State for the year 1850,	$60 00
" Benjamin Slack for removing snow in the North Highway District,	5 40
" G. G. Stevens for removing snow in the Great Plains Highway District,	8 00
" Jonathan Fuller, Jr. for removing snow in the West Centre Highway District,	16 40
" Elisha Lyon in full for services as Treasurer the past year (1850)	20 00
" Elisha Lyon for interest on $2600, borrowed for use of the Town, $60,86; other services 6,50,	67 36
" Robert Mansfield for removing and treading down snow 102 1-2 hours,	10 25
" Wm. Pierce for removing snow in U. S. District,	7 50
" F. Jones for removing snow in S. District,	7 43
" S. F. Varney for removing snow in W. District,	6 60
" T. N. Smith for postage on letter,	05
" T. N. Smith for services appointing Committee on roads, &c.,	50
" T. N. Smith for himself and others shoveling snow,	2 50
" T. N. Smith for repairs on Kendrick's bridge,	1 68
" Wm. Pierce in full for cost paid at Dedham for complaint against L. Road,	9 92
" Wm. Pierce for cash paid I. Whiting,	1 00
" Wm. Pierce for journey to Dedham,	1 50
" Daniel A. Chaney for three firemen,	15 00

To James Taylor for refreshments,			4 72
" T. N. Smith for insurance money,			6 50
" A. Fuller for repairs in West S. District,			3 00
" Alvin Fuller 2d, for removing snow in W. C. D.,			3 00
" N. Longfellow for removing snow in N. C. D.,			4 40
" John Mills for ten days on highway,			10 00
" T. N. Smith for 412 ft. Spruce plank,			4 94
" T. N. Smith for 1 lb. Spikes,			05
" T. N. Smith for carrying plank from Lower Falls to Kendrick's bridge,			1 25
" T. N. Smith for repairing bridges,			1 75
" do.	for services viewing roads,		2 00
" do.	for 26 feet boards for shelves,		78
" do.	for getting out and putting up do.,		1 00
" do.	for one chair standard Centre S. H.,		30
" do.	for 20 bolts in Centre School-house,		1 25
" do.	for postage on letters,		10
" do.	for services viewing roads,		2 00
" do.	for repairs in Centre School-house,		1 00
" do.	for 589 feet boards for railing,		8 84
" do.	for putting up railings near D. Morse',		3 50
" do.	for journey to South Needham to view roads,		75
" do.	to meet Commissioners at Dedham,		1 25
" do.	for 134 feet joist,		2 01
" do.	for 144 feet joist,		2 16
" do.	for 3 lbs. Spikes,		15
" do.	for carrying the same to S. Needham,		50
" do.	for one days' work for himself, &c.,		2 25
" do.	for eight hours' work,		80
" H. Fuller for returning 10 deaths to Town Clerk,			1 00
" William Pierce, for part of a day at Almshouse to appoint a Committee for Highway Districts,			1 00
" do.	for services as Committee on road near Moses Winches',		1 00
" do.	for services as Committee on road near Wm. H. Reynolds and to notify Committee for same,		2 00
" do.	for journey to Dedham to see Commissioners,		1 50
" do.	for himself and horse two days examining roads and watering places,		4 00
" do.	for one day with Commissioners,		1 50
" do.	for jour. to Dedham to meet Commissioners,		1 50
" T. Prince for printing 500 copies S. S. Report,			11 50
" Wm. Eaton for meeting Committee in Central District and estimating expense of new house,			1 50
" G. K. Daniel for part day at Almshouse to appoint a Committee on roads,			75
" G. K. Daniel for services viewing roads,			2 50
" do.	for services viewing roads,		2 50
" G. K. Daniel for one day with Commissioners on road near Wm. H. Reynolds,			2 00

To G. K. Daniel for journey to S. Needham to view road,		75
" do. for jour. to Dedham to meet Commissioners,	1	25
" Bill Burrill 3d for widening bridges,	11	23
" George Revere for abatement of taxes,	9	36
" Davis C. Mills for abatement of taxes,		94
" Ezra Fuller Jr. for abatement of taxes,	2	34
" Charles Rice 2d for 14 Engine men,	70	00
" Elisha Lyon for interest to J. Wells,	66	00
" Stephen Hurd for abatement of taxes,		94
" Wm. Flagg and 2 others for services as Assessors,	77	00
" do. for cash paid for books, &c	6	77
" do. for postage,	1	95
" George E. Eaton for abatement of 15 polls,	22	50
" do. for discount and collecting $1600,	80	00
" G. K. Daniel for repairing bridge and widening road near A. Allen's,	24	25
" Wm. Pierce for widening bridges, &c. in part,	50	60
" Elisha Lyon for interest at Savings Bank,	7	50
" E. G. Byington for labor done on new road near the Alms House,	92	00
" E. G. Byington for repairing road near Widow Tappan's,	52	95
" J. Hall and sons for lumber,	86	07
" Smith & Gooch for lumber,	79	79
" Lewis Sumner for repairs on South District School-house,	13	10
" J. F. Boyd for carpenter work done on side walk on Lower Falls bridge,	28	00
" Charles Rice Jr., for lumber for L. Falls bridge,	32	28
" W. E. Clark for stove for North District,	7	50
" G. K. Daniel for services on Lower Falls bridge, self, man and horse one day,	3	75
" self and horse one day,	2	50
" self half day,		75
" self, man and horse,	3	00
" self, man and horse,	3	50
" Stone,		75
" self for examining the bridge,		50
" Solomon Flagg for widening road near L. Kingsbury's,	20	00
" M. Mills for making piece road near E. Fuller's, Jr.,	17	00
" John H. Jellison for iron work done at Lower Falls bridge,	12	73
" John Pulsifer for abatement of taxes,		75
" Otis Sawyer for services as Committee on contemplated road near Wm. H. Reynold's,	1	00
" Spencer Fuller for widening stone bridge near the house of L. Sumner,	12	00
" Wm. R. Butterworth for abatement of taxes, 1851,		23
" J. H. Carter for repairs on School-house, E. District,	1	50
" Willard Hurd for work done on road,	8	00
" Jona. Fuller Jr. for repairing bridge near the late D. Morse place,	3	00
" H. Blackman for building one bridge,	12	00
" T. N. Smith for examining bridge at Lower Falls,	1	50
" do. for journey to Cambridge and Brighton to purchase lumber for said bridge,	2	25

To T. N. Smith	for services on said bridge,			25
" do.	cash paid for timber,			12
" do.	horse and wagon for use of Town,			50
" do.	services on said bridge,			50
" do.	4 3-4ths days' work by himself,		8	31
" do.	2 3-4ths days' work by Greenwood,		4	58
" do.	3 3-4ths days' work by Davis,		5	63
" do.	2 days' work by Smith,		3	17
" do.	for examining Kendrick's bridge,		1	00
" do.	for examining road near George Revere's,			75
" do.	for 1142 feet plank and joist for Kendrick's bridge,		14	85
" do.	for 92 feet boards for railing,		1	84
" do.	for five lbs. nails and spikes,			25
" do.	for drawing lumber to said bridge,		2	00
" do.	for stock and labor and building railing in Town Hall,		15	88
" do.	for 6 1-2 days' work on Kendrick's bridge,		10	85
" do.	for examining road near Mr. Peabody's,		1	00
" Wm. Pierce	for twenty chesnut posts, fifteen cents,		3	00
" do.	for services at Lower Falls bridge,		1	00
" do.	for going to Dedham to see Commissioners,		2	00
" do.	for work done on Lower Falls bridge,		5	00
" do.	for going to Dedham to see Commissioners,		2	00
" do.	for going to Kendrick's bridge,		1	00
" do.	for journey to Roxbury,		2	00
" do.	for part day respecting road near George Revere's,		1	00
" do.	for part day respecting straightening road near Mr. Peabody's,			50
" do.	for part day respecting straightening road near Mr. Peabody's,			50
" George K. Daniel	for services, examining road near George Revere's,		1	25
" do.	for examining road near the house of Mr. Peabody,		1	00
" do.	for conveying a woman from Grantville to Alms-house,			50
" S. S. G. Williams	for carting lumber for Lower Falls bridge,		12	15
" Otis Morton	for repairs on Plains School-house,		8	12
" John S. Bird	for labor and stone for Lower Falls bridge,		5	25
" Washburn & Wells	for stove pipe &c. for N. School Dist.		6	55
" Elisha Lyon	for interest money paid John Wells,		66	00
" do.	do.	paid E. H. Lyon,	48	00
" do.	do.	paid S. M. Fisher,	33	00
" do.	do.	paid E. H. Lyon,	30	00
" Wm. Reynolds	for one bbl. cider at the fire in Pine Swamp,		2	00
" Goin Bailey	for refreshments, &c , do.,		7	50
" Ezra Fuller Jr.	do.	do.,	2	50
" George E. Eaton	do	do.,	9	50
" M. Mills	for land for road near E. Fuller's,		10	00

To Wm. Pierce for work done on bridges in South, Upper South and W. Centre Districts,	37	00
" R. Boyington for removing snow in U. Falls District,	8	40
" D. Kimball for repairs on S House, Centre District,	2	50
" E. Smith for interest money,	17	42
" R. Boyington for stove furnished E S. District,	10	50
" S. F. Smith for interest money,	6	00
" G. E. Eaton for discount and collecting for 1851,	256	61
" G. E. Eaton for returning thirteen deaths,	1	30
" Wm. Jones for notifying five Town meetings,	12	50
" Solomon Flagg for serving Town as Clerk,	12	00
" Solomon Flagg for other services,	14	12
" T. N. Smith for services with Committee on barn,	1	00
" do. for services with Commissioners on road near Mr. Peabody's,	1	50
" do. for postage on two letters,		10
" do. for journey to Dedham to see Commissioners,	1	50
" do. concerning Railroad crossing at Lower Falls,	1	50
" do. for carrying Surveyor to Peabody's road,		75
" do. for journey to Dedham to see Commissioners,	1	50
" do. for repairs in Centre School-house,	1	00
" Elisha Lyon for interest money, &c.,	39	36
" Elisha Lyon for interest paid George Ellis,	7	50
" G. F. Darling for repairs on West School-house,	10	94
" J. B. Whitaker for surveying road,	1	00
" Francis Jones for removing snow in S. District,	17	10
" E. H. Greenwood for refreshments at fire,	1	00
" George Jennings for removing snow in W. District,	10	58
" A. Holt for removing snow in West C. District,	19	50
" J. Smith for removing snow in U. F. District,	17	75
" John A. Libby for removing snow in N. C. District,	5	05
" George G. Stevens for removing snow in Plains District,	22	25
" Franklin Stevens for removing snow in N West District,	7	85
" Lewis Sumner for repairs on South School-house,	1	25
" Wm. Pierce for part day with Commissioners near Mr. Peabody's,		75
" do. for part day with Surveyor near Mr. Peabody's and carrying Surveyor home,	1	00
" do. for journey to Dedham to meet Commissioners respecting Railroad crossing near G. W. Hoogs',	1	50
" do. for repairing bridge near I. Bullen's,		75
" Bill Burrill 2d for repairing highway,	13	35
" Wm Pierce for breaking roads,	17	40
" Otis Sawyer for breaking roads,	3	80
" Bill Burrill 2d for breaking roads,	9	85
" H. L. Howe for breaking roads L F District,	26	61
" Elisha Lyon for services as Treasurer, 1851,	20	00
" Elisha Lyon for cash paid for Insurance on four School houses and other services,	22	17
Total,	$2274	36

SUPPORT OF POOR.

To T. N Smith	for five lbs. of nails,		25
" do.	for boards for cart body,		72
" do.	for wagon body,	4	50
" do.	for sink and shelf,	3	15
" do.	for table standards,	1	83
" do.	for 4 fire boards,	2	64
" do.	for 3 lbs. nails,		15
" do.	for putting up sink, fire boards, tables, &c.,	1	63
" do.	for 4 1-2 lbs. lead pipe,		27
" do.	for one pair butts and 20 1-2 lbs. zinc,	1	91
" do.	for one dozen screws and labor at Almshouse,	1	07
" do.	for cash paid Martin Hunting,	1	00
" do.	for going to Solomon Flagg's and Upper Falls concerning Staply's children,	1	50
" do.	for one butter worker,	3	25
" do.	for gutters for sink water,	4	39
" do.	for journey to Brighton to purchase oxen,	1	00
" do.	for building bulk head doors, repairing door in piggery, lumber and labor, and 3 1-2 lbs. zinc,	15	07
" do.	for cash paid for blacksmith's work,		62
" G. K. Daniel	for two visits to Town Farm,	1	00
" G. K. Daniel	for carrying a woman from Hez. Fuller's Jr. to Almshouse,		50
" G. K. Daniel	for time spent in reference to Kelly's wages,	2	00
" G. K. Daniel	for visit to Almshouse to instal new Keeper,		75
" E. G. Byington	for services to July 1, 1851,	56	25
" E. G. Byington	for supplies at Almshouse,	10	00
" Wm. D. Woodcock	for boarding his mother,	3	50
" E. G. Byington	for supplies at Almshouse,	92	14
" do.	for wages to A Sargent, work at haying,	26	41
" do.	for services to Oct. 1, 1851,	56	25
" Vaughn Jones	for brick at Almshouse,	8	90
" T. N. Smith	for painting done at Almshouse,	1	97
" Wm. D. Woodcock	for boarding his mother,	3	25
" Martin Hunting	for work done at Almshouse, lime, brick, &c.,	15	00
" Wm. Pierce	for journey to Almshouse and John Griggs,	1	00
" do.	for time spent respecting Kelly's family,	1	25
" do.	for journey to Almshouse respecting Sally Whiting,	1	00
" do.	for cash paid respecting Wm. Walker,		50
" do.	for provisions furnished for the support of James McSoley and family,	8	75
" do.	for services respecting the burial of James McSoley and child,	1	50
" Charles Rice Jr.	for lumber for Town farm,	8	27
" E. G. Byington	for services to Jan. 1, 1852,	56	25
" Wm. D. Woodcock	for boarding his mother,	3	25

To L. A. Kingsbury for supplies for Almshouse,	46	53
" E G Byington for tools and supplies for Almshouse,	300	00
" G. E. Eaton for attending funeral and making coffin for McSolin's child,	4	50
" G. E Eaton for attending funeral and furnishing coffin for McSolen,	6	00
" Otis Sawyer for one ox sled,	2	00
" Wm Pierce for cash paid Augustus Smith for boarding Widow Enoch Mills,	12	50
" Jennings and Varney for goods furnished Thomas Kelly April 14th, 1850,	5	00
" H. Robinson for assistance furnished Mrs. Bean and child in going to Springfield,	5	00
" Wm D. Woodcock for boarding his mother,	3	25
" E. G Byington for stock and tools furnished,	35	00
" Dr. Francis for reducing fracture of the thigh and subsequent attendance on John Dolan,	15	00
" Wm. Pierce for supplies furnished McSolen and family, &c.	14	15
Total,	$854	10

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

NORTH DISTRICT,

To H L Howe for work done on highways,	42	82
" " " " "	128	04
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	146	32
	$317	18

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Willard Hurd for work done on highways,	12	71
" Otis Sawyer " " "	57	58
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District,	35	09
	$105	41

WEST DISTRICT.

To Solomon Flagg for work done on highways,	20	00
" " " " "	27	96
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District,	93	77
	$141	73

NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

To Frank Stevens for work done on highways,	17	84
For work done by the Inhabitants of the District,	25	05
	$42	89

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Wm. Pierce for work done on highways,	24	50
" G. G. Hubbard " " "	81	58
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	70	00
	$176	08

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

To Wm. Pierce for work done on highway,	66	19
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	42	20
	$108	39

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Bill Burrill for work done on highways,	13	30
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	65	43
	$78	73

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

To. I. Bullen for work done on highways,	64	50
" Francis Jones " "	21	21
" John A. Griggs " "	6	29
" Wm. Pierce " "	4	56
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	41	04
	$137	60

GREAT PLAINS DISTRICT.

To G. G. Stevens for work done on highways,	10	00
" " " " "	17	71
" Elisha Lyon " " "	10	00
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	73	95
	$111	66

EAST DISTRICT.

To James Smith for work done on highways,	26	17
For work done by the Inhabitants of District,	65	25
	$91	42

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of Schools,	1617	10
" " necessary charges,	2274	36
" " support of poor,	854	10
" " highway repairs,	1082	88
Balance due the Treasurer, April 7, 1851,	875	64
	$6704	08

The Treasurer has received

Of G. E. Eaton, Collector for 1851,	6126 53
" the Commonwealth, for Schools,	83 20
" the Commonwealth, for State Paupers,	69 56
	$6279 29
Balance due the Treasurer, April 5th, 1852,	424 79
The Town raised by rate or tax,	6480 78
Over-lays on the grants,	251 53
	$6732 31

And appropriated the same as follows:

For repairs of Highways,	1306 66
" support of Schools, $90,00 interest included,	1500 00
" support of the poor,	750 00
" necessary charges,	2534 87
" County tax,	730 78
	$6822 31

April 7th, 1852, due from the Town:

To John Wells, on Note,	2200 00
" the heirs of Ebenezer Fisher, on Note,	550 00
" Elisha H. Lyon, on Note,	1300 00
" Dedham Savings Bank, on Note,	250 00
" Solomon F. Smith, on an Order,	100 00
" Eunice Smith, on an order,	290 33
	$4690 33

April 7th, 1851, due the Town:

From G. E. Eaton, Collector,	$211 00
Appropriation for the support of Schools,	1500 00
The Town's proportion of the State School Fund,	83 20
	$1583 20

And thus divided between the six Districts,

			No. of children between 5—15.
North	District,	$334 29	71
East	"	221 66	65
Great Plains	"	207 64	39
Centre	"	271 20	60
South	"	214 87	57
West	"	334 22	85
		$1583 88	377

Appropriation for repairs of highways,.....$1006 66

And thus divided between the ten Districts:

North....District,	.....	$317 18
North Centre "	.....	52 67
West "	.....	141 73
North West "	.....	42 89
West Centre "	.....	77 90
Upper South "	.....	50 36
Lower South "	.....	62 25
Centre "	.....	78 77
Great Plains "	.....	91 66
East "	.....	91 25
		$1006 66

About $250, included in this Report, were expended in 1850. And about $540, expended in 1851, were paid after the 1st of April, 1852, and consequently not included in this Report.

Report of the Committee on the Almshouse, April 1, 1851.

The whole amount of orders drawn for the support of the Alms-house for the past year,.....	$691 45
To interest on Alms-house establishment,.....	300 00
" interest on personal property,.....	85 60
" probable tax on real and personal property,.....	30 00
Loss on personal property,.....	32 03
	$1139 08

CONTRA.

By use of the Town Hall,.....	$60 00
" board of State Paupers, 149 weeks and 4 days,.....	73 29
" 120 meals furnished Town Officers,.....	20 00
" labor done off the Farm,.....	33 08
" repairs on buildings,.....	16 25
	$202 62
Balance against the Institution,.....	936 46
And 148 weeks board at Alms-house the past year at 83*c* 8*m* per week will amount to.....	936 88
Expenses of poor out of Alms-house past year,.....	93 35

Report of the Committee on the Almshouse, April 1, 1852.

The whole amount of orders drawn for the support of the Institution the past year,	$977 86
To rent of Town Farm,	300 00
" probable tax,	30 00
" interest on personal property,	58 34
" loss on personal property,	251 00
	$1617 20

CONTRA.

By work done off the Farm for R. W. Holman,	$251 00
" making new road,	92 00
" widening road near Widow Tappan's,	52 95
" use of Town Hall,	60 00
" support of State Poor,	40 00
" 346 meals for Town Officers, &c.,	57 67
" Betterments, getting out stone,	200 00
" orders for repairs,	69 93
" Highway tax and breaking roads,	5 00
	$828 55
Balance against the Institution,	788 65
And 677 weeks board at Alms-house the past year at $1,16 1-2 per week amount to	788 65

ELISHA LYON,
RICHARD BOYNTON,
NATHAN LONGFELLOW, } *Committee.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF

NEEDHAM, 1851--52.

The Superintending Committee of the Public Schools of Needham, for the year 1851–2, respectfully report:

It is an interesting fact that, while there is much diversity of opinion on religious, political and literary subjects, there is almost entire unanimity in providing means for the education of the young, and our Legislators wisely direct much attention to the subject. But though the Legislature requires and provides, by legal enactment, for our educational interests, each town is at liberty to do even more for this cause, by annual appropriation, than the Legislature requires or recommends. If any of us think we are in danger of making our schools too expensive, or that we are extravagant in our measures for their support and improvement, we may safely discard such thoughts; for of whatever unnecessary outlays in time and money the State and towns may be chargeable, a large outlay for public school instruction is always commendable economy.

It is by aid of our public schools, and of parents at home, that our children should be *qualified* to become true and accomplished men and women, should be *educated* to become valuable citizens of the town and State. Much in this respect is demanded of parents, in preparing their children to take and pursue the right direction in the way

of mental and moral excellence. Yet too many parents fail of performing their duty to their children in this regard. The children of too many parents, by their conduct at school, give proof of neglect in the culture due to their early years. The ill effects of such neglect upon their manners, their minds and morals, the best teachers are sometimes unable to remove. All parents should feel the importance of doing their whole duty to their children in regard to the schools. They should not only induce their children to give constant and punctual attendance, but to deport themselves with due respect and courtesy to their instructers, to be examples of good order and love of study, and to aim at excellence in whatever in manners, in speech, in temper and character, is ornamental to youth, and preparatory to honor, usefulness and happiness in mature and advanced years. It should never be forgotten that the best efforts of the best teachers, public and private, male and female, to give instruction in a manner satisfactory to themselves, and most beneficial to their scholars, will rarely be effectual, unless they *have*, as well as *deserve*, the approval, the aid and support of parents. And we state it for a fact, that the parents of our children, generally, practice the right in this respect, that they are, generally, free from injurious prejudices in regard to the management of the schools, from unreasonable, unjust and groundless censure of teachers, and disposed to treat them with the kindness and consideration to which their arduous and responsible position and duties entitle them.

Our schools for the year, are now closed, and your Committee agree in opinion, that they have generally made improvements creditable to teachers and scholars, and that they have had a better set of teachers the past year, than they have before known.

In some of the schools, for several years past, there have been perceptible improvements in discipline, in general deportment, in thoroughness of instruction and study. The year now closed has given good evidence of such improvements. But in these respects there have always been defects in our schools, not more, probably, in this place than in other places. Such defects have been prominent in all our towns, and few schools, if any, have been free from them. There has been, and still is, too much of the disposition to be superficial in studies, and many teachers and parents have favored this disposition. There has been,

and still is, with many, a strong desire to pass over their studies too rapidly for thoroughness; to go over too much surface in a short time; the disposition to estimate scholars by the number of pages or books they have read and studied, rather than by the power of reading with correctness and force, or of understanding what they read and study. Many have thought themselves fine scholars, and have been thought such by their friends, because they have gone over their school exercises and reviewed them again and again, when, it may be, nothing of these has been clearly understood by them; when little more than words, rules and forms have been impressed upon their memories; when few pages well read, well studied and understood, would be more valuable to them than the mere exercise of memory, and would place them much higher in point of scholarship. With many, the exercise and loading of the memory with mere words, rules and forms, are made substitutes for the development of the reflective, the reasoning and discriminating faculties. When this is the case, education, teaching and scholarship, are very defective, and require radical improvement and reform. It has been common for children to be instructed to recite answers to questions in the exact words found in the books; to repeat verbatim, long passages in their studies, while quite ignorant of their meaning; to perform by given rules, examples for instance, in common arithmetic, without being able to assign a reason, or to illustrate or explain, a rule or principle, in proof that they understand what they have been studying. It has been common, and it is not very uncommon now, to find those who have made some progress in arithmetic, puzzled to tell us, *why*, in addition of simple numbers, for example, they carry one for each ten from the right hand column of figures to the left; *how* they can prove that ten times one are ten; that five times five are twenty-five. How many, considered as proficients in the common studies, are unable to explain, on the Blackboard, a variety of plain arithmetial and other questions, unless exact rules are given them for their performance! How many are unable to express, in their own language, the thoughts contained in the exercises which they have repeatedly read and studied! Much has common school education suffered by wrong beginning, by taking the first steps too rapidly, by the employment of incompetent teachers, by superficial study in every department of learning, from commencing

with the alphabet to what is often called, though falsely, a finished education. But your Committee have been pleased to find a good proportion of thorough teaching and study in our schools the past year. They have found proof of intelligent and successful study exhibited by many of the scholars, in ready explanations and illustrations on the Blackboard, by their annalizing and performing questions, and by giving the processes in plain, easy and unborrowed language.

Some of our schools have too many classes, and yet it is sometimes difficult to lessen their number, And in some, the number of studies is too great for the schools' benefit. Such number of classes and studies interferes with the degree of thoroughness that is desirable. This evil is, in a measure, remedied in our schools that are divided into two departments. These have manifest advantages for improvement over the other schools. It is important, but often difficult, to arrange studies and to classify schools satisfactorily. To do this the rule should not be *age*, but *qualification*. And scholars and parents should not, though they sometimes do, oppose the application of such rule. They are sometimes disaffected, if not classed above their true position. Teachers, qualified for their profession, are the most competent to make the necessary classification and arrangements.

There is a strong tendency in schools, as before suggested, to leave early lessons too soon, and to enter prematurely on advanced studies. This is an error, and to correct it deserves special attention. Reading and spelling, too, deserve and require more time and study than they generally receive. To be well accomplished in these is indispensably requisite to a good common school education. And reading books should be adapted, as nearly as possible, to the capacity of children of every age and state of advancement. But to find a supply of just the books that are needed for the schools for reading, and for various branches of study, is very difficult, if not impossible. Whoever shall prepare a *complete* series of school books, will do a service for education which cannot be too highly prized. Early care should be given by parents, and by teachers, from children's first attempt to pronounce a letter or word, to prevent the formation of bad habits of speech; to prevent every unnatural and offensive whine, drawl and scream; to induce them to pronounce with strength, with

distinct articulation; to use the same voice in reading as in speaking; to read understandingly, with correct accent, emphasis and inflection.

We now come to speak of the schools individually, with conciseness and impartiality.

West District. The school in this District, in the summer term, consisting of more than sixty scholars, and the younger department for the winter, consisting of about half that number, were under the care of an experienced female. For several seasons she has given to the Superintending Committee such proof of her ability and faithfulness, as to make them desirous of retaining her useful labors. The school, on examination, exhibited good evidence in favor of her character as a teacher, and that she well deserves the approval of the Committee and the District.

The upper department, kept for the winter, had the benefit of thorough instruction, by a well-qualified male teacher. He taught very acceptably in the Centre District the previous winter, and he was not less successful and acceptable at the West than he had been at the Centre. The school was well cared for and well improved under his instruction.

East District. This school had for its summer teacher a female experienced in the profession, and of high qualifications. The school, the preceding year, had been unfortunate in a teacher not well suited to its condition and character. Very different has been the state of the school for the year just closed. It has been well attended, well instructed, well disciplined. Very desirable has been the improvement in these respects over the preceding year. The order, the general deportment, the interest excited in the scholars and progress in their studies, were such as gave unqualified satisfaction.

The winter term had a long-approved and experienced male teacher; but he had too many scholasr, considering the difference in their ages and studies, for the best interest of the school. He could not be as thorough, — he could not aid each class so much, — he could not give to the scholars, and require of them so many explanations and illustrations, in what they read and studied, as fully to satisfy their wants and his wishes. But whatever disadvantages were in his way, the school was well conducted, and it closed very creditably to the scholars and the instructer.

South District. The teacher of the summer school was not one of our successful teachers. She and her scholars seemed ill-adapted to each other's interest. They were generally young, and needed a teacher better acquainted with the character and wants of such a school, — one who could better adapt her instructions to the condition and character of the scholars. She was a good disciplinarian in point of order; but, as an instructer, she was better fitted for an older school, for scholars more advanced in their studies. She did not feel the interest in children, and she did not excite the interest in them for her or for the school exercises, which are indispensable for successful teaching.

The winter term was fortunate with a female teacher. Her discipline was mild, but not at the expense of good order. She awakened a good degree of interest in the scholars, and they made commendable improvement. The Committee have no hesitancy in saying, that she has raised the character of the school; that under her care it has been better conducted, has had better instruction and discipline, than for several preceding winters. She has been a successful teacher, and greatly benefited that school, and the District has reason to be satisfied with her services.

North District. This school, for the summer term, was instructed by a female well qualified for the office of teacher. She spared no exertion in her power for the improvement of the scholars, and a good measure of success attended her efforts. Her method of teaching was thorough and correct; but the ill state of her health, for a portion of the term, rendered the labor of the school-room too severe, and prevented, to some extent, the improvement which she desired and hoped. At the close of the term she felt it necessary to be released from her engagement to the younger department for the winter.

The winter term of the young department was in charge of a female. The children, about thirty, were quite young. The teacher's manner and discipline were very mild and affectionate, and she was much beloved by her scholars. She used her best efforts for their improvement. The school had a pleasant examination, which was closed with agreeable music.

The older department gave proof of thorough teaching and attentive study. The instructer has very good qualifications for teaching, which he intends to make his profession. The school, which had previously gained a high

reputation, well sustained that reputation. Many specimens of good scholarship in reading, spelling, chirography, original composition, and various other studies, were exhibited at its examination, which was very fully attended.

Centre District. This school in summer, and the lower department in winter, were under the instruction of the same female. Her instructions and management of the school were well suited to the age and character of the children. She deserves to be classed with good teachers, and she gave no cause of complaint of incompetency, of want of interest in her work, of want of exertion or faithfulness. The school closed with an examination satisfactory to the Committee and to the people of the District.

The upper department for the preceding winter was ended much in advance of its former condition, in regard to studies and general deportment, and through the past winter it has fully maintained its fair standing. The teacher's efforts and scholars' application to their studies, with generally correct behavior, justly deserve commendation. He has high qualifications as a teacher, of which they gave, in the use of the Black Board and otherwise, manifest proof to the Committee at their separate visits of the school as well as at its final examination.

Great Plain District. The summer school was instructed by a female. She came to us highly recommended, and in literary and moral attainments she was fully qualified. But she failed of exciting in her scholars the interest in their studies which is necessary to make them productive of much pleasure or profit. She was unable to sustain the high reputation that the school had previously gained. Her manner and power, as a teacher and disciplinarian, were not fitted to the condition of the scholars, and whatever success may have attended her efforts in other schools, it failed of answering our wishes and hopes.

The winter term had the benefit of the female's instruction who was summer teacher in the East District. She is an able teacher, and her school exhibited the good effects of thorough teaching. Her school did her full credit, as an efficient and successful teacher, and its closing examination evinced that, for advancement and thoroughness it stood not below any one of our schools. Here we would remark that the Plain school, for six years past, with the exception of four months, has been instructed exclusively by females.

Your Committee are united in the belief, that we have fewer parents now than formerly, disposed to use an influence to the injury of the schools by too free, unjust, and censorious remarks on their instruction and management in the hearing of their children, instead of open and ingenuous interviews with teachers personally and alone, when they have, or think they have, cause of complaint. The Committee have the pleasure to state that, during the past year, they have had no complaint from parents against teachers, and no complaint of teachers against scholars; that there has, during the same time, been more than usual correctness in the order and discipline, — more than usual industry and thorough instruction in the schools generally. And they close with remarking, that they have not known, on any former year, so much thorough teaching in the schools, so much interest in them, so full attendance of the several Districts at the annual examinations, so many well written original compositions, or music so appropriate and so well performed.

DANIEL KIMBALL,
NATHAN LONGFELLOW,
SOLOMON FLAGG,
} School Committee of Needham.

Needham, April 2, 1852.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NEEDHAM,

FOR 1852–53.

The superintending Committee of the Public Schools in Needham for the year 1852–53, have attended to the duties assigned them agreeably to law and usage, and respectfully present their Report on the management, improvement and condition of the schools, accompanied with such remarks as they think appropriate and desirable.

For the school year now closed, the town has had the benefit of well-qualified teachers, and the improvement of the schools in the several branches studied, in the general observance of good order, and in correct deportment, has been more than usually commendable and satisfactory. The Committee have been gratified with the interest and desire of improvement exhibited in the schools, generally, by both teachers and pupils, and in the evidence of good and kind affections manifested between them during the year. In the judgment of your Committee the town has not overpaid the teachers for their laborious and valuable services; and we hesitate not to say that there is no class of men or women better entitled to generous compensation for their services, than competent, faithful, thorough teachers of public schools. Such teachers are very justly to be esteemed and acknowledged among our best public benefactors, and it gives us pleasure to report to the town, that our schools have not had so good a set of teachers and

disciplinarians, or given so much gratification by improvement in attention to study, in general deportment and submission to order, for any former year, since our official connection with them, as for the past year. In the Committee's opinion it would be for the benefit of the schools, and of course for the town's benefit, to re-engage the same teachers, with very few exceptions, for the year now commenced. They have given satisfactory proof of ability, of faithfulness and success, as teachers and disciplinarians. And, knowing as we do, that there are in the market, and urgent for places, many teachers and candidates for teachers, ignorant of the first principles of the art and science of teaching, not competent in general knowledge, ill-fitted in manners and morals for the teachers' profession, even with legal forms and commendatory letters,—we would urgently recommend, as a matter of no slight importance, not to incur,— *never* to incur, when it can be prevented, the risk of changing well-tried, faithful, thorough teachers for teachers, however recommended, whose characters and merits are unknown to us, who may have more of the superficial than the solid in their supposed very full, but in reality, very deficient qualifications.

The character of teachers will generally give a corresponding character to their schools. An energetic, well-instructed, persevering teacher, will have or make active, interested, good scholars; will have or make a well-ordered, studious, well improved school; and a teacher without these and their kindred qualifications will have or make poor scholars and a poor school. A fully qualified teacher, male or female, will accomplish more for the benefit of a school in three months, than an incompetent half qualified teacher will accomplish in a year. The former will earn and deserve more as compensation for his or her services for three months than the latter will earn or deserve for a year's services. The difference in the value of a teacher's instructions or qualifications may be estimated by way of comparison, as the difference in the value of railroad stocks, some above par, some at thirty, sixty, and

one hundred per cent. discount. While the services of good teachers are not liable to be overpaid, the services of poor teachers may be too dear at any price.

In the judgment of your Committee it is very desirable to retain good teachers, *in the same schools*, beyond a single term. Every good teacher will be able to render, and will render, better services at each successive term, especially to the same school, for many successive terms. Teachers of this order, while instructing, never cease to be themselves learners; and their knowledge of the disposition, ability, the habits, the character and attainments of the scholars, gives them important advantages over untried and new teachers, strangers to the scholars, even if they possess high qualifications. Now to have or obtain a supply of thorough teachers, — which is sometimes very difficult, — is so desirable, that it would be wise as we before remarked, to re-engage most of our teachers of the past year, even if untried teachers offer their services for very moderate compensation; and even if the places of those whom we highly approve can be supplied by other highly qualified teachers.

In the course of the past year, there have been complaints before the Committee of parents against teachers, and no doubt there may have been reasons for complaints. There may no doubt have been reasons, also, authorizing teachers to offer complaints against parents. There must be reasonable and salutary discipline, there must be attention to the scholar's conduct, to order and study, otherwise there will be little or no improvement and very poor schools. The Committee feel bound to receive and to pay all due attention to complaints of parents against teachers and of teachers against parents; but how they shall be recieved and acted upon must be determined by the fact, whether they are or are not well-founded and properly presented.

It may be remarked in this connection that teachers have probably as many causes of complaint against parents as parents have against teachers, in relation to the schools, in relation to teaching and discipline; and good and bad

impressions, received by children at home, are, generally, manifested by corresponding conduct at school. Now this ought not to be denied or concealed, but duly considered and understood. As there are and will doubtless continue to be persons of both sexes employed in teaching, quite deficient in essential requisites for thorough teachers, so there are and no doubt will continue to be parents very injudicious in the management of their children; in their free, and, it may be said, in their indiscreet conversations before them respecting the schools and their teachers; in receiving and circulating ill reports brought home from the schools, which in many instances are remote from truth, and are incorrect representations of facts, by which censure may be, and often is, inflicted where commendation is justly due. It cannot be denied that there are home influences and home discipline, or rather want of home discipline, which operate injuriously on the minds and conduct of children in relation to the schools.

Children, while at school, should be considered as the teachers' children; and teachers should be fit to stand, and to be considered as standing in relation to the scholars in place of parents. When fitly qualified for their profession, they will use the care and discretion, they will exercise the authority and manifest the affectionate regard in their efforts for developing the physical, mental, and moral powers of their scholars, which judicious, well-principled, sound-hearted parents approve and desire. And teachers should be treated with kindness, candor and ingenuousness, in a position so arduous, so responsible, so perplexing, so liable to censure. Parents differ much in their disposition and character, in relation to schools, in their ideas of order, of exercise, of discipline, of attention to study, of its degree of intenseness, and of the amount required. There are parents who make erroneous estimates, too high or too low, of their childrens' powers and facilities for improvement, compared with others of the same school and of the same age. The charge of partiality, of injustice, of wrong management, of unkindness, is sometimes made against teachers,

whose feelings are kind, whose exertions for the improvement of every scholar are impartial and untiring. A good teacher feels the charge of wrong doing as deeply as a parent; and the assurance that his or her services have been and are approved, is a very pleasing accompaniment to pecuniary compensation. In regard to studies and discipline, they who are entitled to the character of good teachers, are considerate and conscientious, are purposely neither too indulgent nor too severe; neither requiring of their scholars, too little nor too much of mental labor. But they are liable to err in judgment and discretion; they sometimes need advice and encouragement; and they too often incur censure, when deserving commendation. When teachers, male or female, are justly chargeable with incompetence, with indifference to their duty, with too lax or too rigid discipline and requirement, with partiality and favoritism, with defect in temper and morals, — then they need reform and deserve censure; then, unless they reform, they should be censured to the extent deserved, and that censure should sometimes be expressed by the Superintending Committee in their dismissal from an office for which they lack the requisite qualifications.

There is a practice quite too common, but not peculiar to this town,—the practice of free comment on reports carried home from the school rooms, and made before children and others, censuring the teachers' instruction, discipline and deportment; and many reports thus communicated are found, when investigated, to contain more of falsehood than truth, and to have circulated for days and weeks without the teachers' knowledge, and of course without an opportunity to correct them. This is an evil and a wrong, that ought not to find support from any who profess to keep a conscience, and to love the right and the true. Every teacher suspected of, or charged with wrong-doing, in the management of his or her school, should be furnished without delay with the grounds of the suspicion or charge. Accusation and defence are entitled to the same open, free and full examination. And no report or suggestion, by a

parent against a teacher, or by a teacher against a parent should be hastily accepted or acted upon. When a child carries home from school to his or her parents, a complaint of neglect by the teacher, or of unreasonable, unkind, or abusive treatment, before the parents give full credit to the complaint, or communicate the complaint to any individual, they should at the earliest opportunity, calmly and dispassionately confer with the teacher on the subject. There may have been a misrepresentation or mistake, which a short and friendly interview might correct, and every suspicion or belief of unkindness, neglect or wrong on the part of the teacher might be removed, and mutual esteem and confidence between teacher and parent might be gained and secured. But if, by a private interview, the parent cannot be convinced that the child has received no other than kind and correct treatment and instruction, then he or she should feel in duty bound to apply to the Superintending Committee, without uttering a word to any other person to excite the passions or prejudices, or to operate in forming the opinion of the District in the case, before *specific charges* shall have been furnished to the teacher in tangible form; giving him or her fair opportunity, if false, to deny or refute them. How much wiser and more equitable is such procedure, than to censure or approve, to acquit or condemn on partial and ex-parte evidence? How much good would thus be gained, and how much evil prevented to parents and children, to teachers and scholars! How many false reports respecting the character and management of teachers, and how much ill-judging of the motives, purposes and conduct of parents in relation to the schools and their teachers, and how much discord and division in school districts, by such procedure, might be and ought to be prevented! How great would be the gain to individuals, to families, and to schools, if unreasonable anger, if ill-founded prejudice, if idle gossip, were, by every one, discountenanced and abated, under the influence of discretion, ingenuousness, self-control, kindness and truth!

As for several years past your Committee have annually

presented to the town a comparative view of the schools, or a view of them individually, they have thought fit, for the past year, to represent them in more general terms. Though our schools and the services of our teachers for the year have given the Committee more than usual gratification, yet they are not all that we desire them to be. If their character is on an average with the public schools in the State, we should not be satisfied with this, when by united efforts of the citizens, parents and teachers, they can be advanced many degrees higher. Increased exertions are made, far and near, in and beyond the New England states, to raise the standard of education and to induce higher qualifications in the instructors of the youth; and shall *we* be less interested in this regard? And why shall not progress in common school education keep equal pace with progress in various arts, professions and employments? We would urgently recommend to our Prudential Committees to be deliberate and discriminating in selecting teachers. The office of selecting and employing teachers is a very important and responsible office; and every man who selects a teacher, should take all practical means for obtaining correct information of his or her qualifications. It is an unpleasant, a painful duty, but sometimes indispensably necessary, to reject, on examination, teachers, whose services have been conditionally engaged. We should not be satisfied with any other than well qualified teachers, and we should spare no exertions to make our schools what they, and what all public schools ought to be. For this purpose we want teachers of a high order of excellence, and we want the best efforts that parents and others can give the teachers to obtain higher percentage of attendance and punctuality at school, with due attention to study, to good order and correct deportment as aids to a satisfactory development of the youthful powers.

We close our Report with an extract from the Statutes of the Commonwealth. "It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth, committed to their care

and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth, love to their country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues, which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and to secure the blessings of liberty, as well as promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

Respectfully submitted.

D. KIMBALL,
W. BARROWS,
N. LONGFELLOW, } *School Committee.*

Needham, March 4th, 1853.

Table of Tardiness, Average Attendance, &c.

DISTRICT.	Summer. *Tardy.*	Winter. *Tardy.*	Summer. *Not tar.*	Winter. *Not tar.*	Summer. *Av.atten.*	Winter. *Av. atten.*
Plain,	83	196	23	6	.83.8	.80.8
South,	306	283	5	6	.71.8	.80.5
East,	219	496	11	2	.77.6	.80
Centre,	131	625	15	8	.82	.70.5 f. .72. m.
North,	467	523	4	7	.74.3	.90. m. .71.½ f.
West,	572	627	2	28	.78.4	.80. f. .70. m.

N. B. — In State valuation, No. 125. In County, 15. In money raised by scholar, No. 101. In County, 13. Money by scholar in proportion to taxable property, 163. In County, 15. For average attendance, No. 196. In County, 20. Average attendance per cent. for 1851–52, .70.56.

REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

For the Year ending April 1, 1853.

PREPARED AND PRINTED BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

BOSTON:
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REPORT.

THE TREASURER HAS PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR, AS FOLLOWS:

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

Sophronia Kingsbury, teaching fifteen weeks,	$75 00
W. L. Clark, broom, chalk, cleaning, and supplying water,	5 88
E. Smith, sawing, splitting, and piling wood,	7 22
E. Fiske, wood,	23 32
D. D. Patten, teaching sixteen weeks and making fires,	165 00
Sarah B. Kingsbury, teaching sixteen weeks,	64 00
	$340 42

WEST DISTRICT.

Adeline H. Wellington, teaching eighteen weeks,	$84 00
G. F. Darling, wood, sawing and splitting,	37 57
Denison Gage, Jr., teaching sixteen weeks,	152 00
A. H. Wellington, teaching sixteen weeks,	61 00
Wm. Flagg, cash paid for globes and book,	23 30
	$357 87

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Martha A. Mansfield, teaching twenty weeks,	$80 00
Lewis Sumner, wood, sawing and splitting, making fires, &c.,	23 45
H. M. Boyden, teaching four and a half months,	90 00
	$193 45

PLAIN DISTRICT.

Charlotte Kingsbury, teaching twenty weeks,	$80 00
Isaac M. Kingsbury, wood, sawing and splitting, broom, and making fires,	23 66
Otis Morton, Jr., wood, chalk, &c.,	2 12
James Harlow, teaching,	117 90
Otis Morton, Jr., paid for building fires,	2 00
	$225 68

CENTRE DISTRICT.

A. M. Eaton, teaching sixteen weeks,	$80 00
Jere. Kingsbury, wood,	16 17
P. Jones, building fires,	3 00
O. P. Rogers, teaching three months,	90 00
Wm. Jones, sawing wood and cleaning house,	7 25
	$197 42

UPPER FALLS DISTRICT.

Irene Felt, teaching sixteen weeks,	$48 00
board, " "	24 00
J. H. Carter, wood, sawing and splitting,	19 50
Solomon Flagg, teaching three and a half months,	140 00
	$231 50

NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

To Daniel Kimball, N. Longfellow, and S. Flagg, for services as Superintending Committee,	$68 00
Thomas E. Morse, painting and graining at Town Hall,	7 18
Otis Morton, Jr., repairs Plain School-house,	1 37
J. W. Blanchard, writing desk do.	4 00
T. Wales, Jr., eight school chairs, do.	12 00
Josiah H. Carter, services six engine men,	30 00
Albert Holt, removing snow,	1 72
Elisha Lyon, cash paid interest to E. H. Lyon,	30 00
Daniel Kimball, cash paid printing four hundred and seventy School Reports,	10 50
J. H. Carter, cash paid the Town's proportion building culvert near house of Otis Alden,	75 00
Ichabod Bullen, abatement of taxes,	23 10
T. N. Smith, do.	2 77
Wm. Pierce, repair of highways in Upper South District, being balance of appropriation,	9 40
N. Wales, Jr., services ten engine men,	50 00
Clarissa Noyes, abatement of taxes,	4 34
Wm. Flagg, J. H. Carter, and G. K. Daniell, services as Assessors,	85 00

Stationery, postage, and printing,	$13 95
Davis C. Mills, abatement of taxes,	1 84
John Mills, services examining affairs of Alms-house,	3 00
J. W. Cleland, refreshments furnished at fire in Pine Swamp,	8 40
Elisha Lyon, cash paid interest to J. Welles,	66 00
Daniel Morse, abatement of tax,	1 84
W. L. Clark, repairs on School-house, North District,	2 50
C. S. Williams, whitewashing and repairing walls, School-house, North District,	2 75
Charles Rice, lumber for bridges and railing,	122 98
R. Boynton, repairing bridge and railing at Lower Falls,	41 00
Roswell Brooks, lot of gravel,	25 00
Jonathan Fuller, stone work on three bridges,	200 20
Abijah Greenwood, services on Road Com.,	2 00
William Flagg, services as Selectman, meeting County Commissioners, examining roads, bridges, &c., during the year,	29 25
William Flagg, cash paid for stationery,	1 30
do. cash paid for searching records about Sally Newell,	38
William Flagg, cash paid Judge Leland for advice,	2 00
do. cash paid for varnishing and repairing hearse,	3 25
do. cash paid for two hundred sleepers,	10 00
do. eight sleepers delivered on road by J. Huntings,	1 00
William Flagg, cash paid for two books for Town Records,	3 00
do. cash paid for stationery,	1 23
Otis Sawyer, services as Selectman during the year, examining roads and bridges, meeting County Com., &c.	23 25
do. work on snow,	90
do. planking Day's bridge,	1 75
do. planking bridge near E. Lyon's,	1 75
do. paid for four lbs. spikes,	18
do. labor on Lower Falls bridge,	1 75
Josiah H. Carter, services as Selectman during the year, examining roads and bridges, meeting County Commissioners, &c.,	14 50
do. printing Highway Surveyors' appointments,	1 50
do. taking charge of building stone culvert near Otis Alden's,	4 00
do. printing lists of voters,	10 00
Charles Rice, services to examine affairs of Alms-house,	6 75
John A. Libby, breaking out roads North Centre District,	80
Willard Hurd, services as committee examining roads,	2 00
G. G. Stevens " " " "	1 50
do. repairing bridges,	1 50
Franklin Stevens, work on road and bridges in North-west District,	6 40
Wm. Morse, putting up railing in West District,	3 78
A. Holt, breaking out roads in West Centre District,	2 30
J. H. Jellisson, iron work on Lower Falls bridge,	9 93
C. Rice, Jr., bill of lumber,	9 91
Isaac M. Kingsbury, repairs on Plain School-house,	2 37
E. P. Hollis, filling up watering-place near Benj. Welles',	50 00
Wm. Jones, repairs on School-house, Centre District,	2 25
James Roy, land for a road, building and fencing same,	150 00

George Jennings, returning deaths,	60
James Smith, work on highway in Upper Falls District, by order of Selectmen,	20 00
Eunice Smith, interest on note,	17 42
John Mansfield, 3 days' services as committee on roads and school districts,	4 50
Elisha Lyon, cash paid insurance on Alms-house,	17 89
do. interest to John Welles,	66 00
do. printing report expenses of the town,	13 00
do. interest at Dedham Bank,	6 83
do. " to John Mills,	11 87
do. " to T. N. Smith,	6 24
do. " to heirs of Ebenezer Fisher,	33 00
do. " to E. H. Lyon,	48 00
do. " to do.	38
do. " to do.	30 00
do. services making report of expenses of the town, and distributing same,	9 50
do. journey to Dedham, Boston, and other places, to borrow and pay money,	8 00
do. services as Town Treasurer,	20 00
do. cash paid interest to John Mills,	12 50
do. " " T. N. Smith,	9 25
do. " ' Savings Bank,	7 50
George E. Eaton, abatement of poll tax against sundry persons for 1850,	16 50
do. do. 1853,	31 50
do. do.	22 50
do. abatement of tax to S. Dewing, Jr.,	4 27
do. discount and collecting taxes,	278 16
Solomon F. Smith, interest on Town order,	6 00
Solomon Flagg, services as Town Clerk, one year,	12 00
do. recording births, deaths, and marriages, making return to Secretary of State, &c.	14 92
Lewis Sumner, repairs on South District School-house, repairing railing, gravel,	5 95
William Jones, warning town meetings,	17 50
do. Stone hammer, 3 doz. bolts,	2 75
Robert Mansfield, repairs on West District School-house,	5 01
G. G. Stevens, breaking roads in Plain District,	9 35
Patrick Lonergan, labor on Town Farm in 1851,	8 76
Joseph Russell, breaking roads in West Centre District,	8 90
J. A. Libby, " " North Centre District,	4 70
F. Jones, " " Lower South District,	3 50
Jonathan Fuller, Jr., services examining affairs of Alms-house, and Committee on Roads,	5 00
James Smith, work on highway in East District, being extra appropriation,	30 00
Joseph Russell, do. West Centre District,	25 00
John A. Libby, do. North Centre District,	25 00
Francis Jones, do. Lower South District,	29 45
George F. Darling, do. West District,	5 00
Lauren Kingsbury, do. East District,	10 00

Wm. Pierce, do. Upper South District,	$25 00
Wales & Mills, abatement of tax,	9 24
Hannah Lyon, cash paid interest on note Savings Bank,	7 50
J. H. Carter, cash paid Daniel Farwell for clearing away and laying up side walls by road near Otis Alden's,	11 00
	$2243 26

SUPPORT OF POOR.

G. E. Eaton, for supplies furnished E. G. Byington for Alms-house,	$51 87
I. H. Greenwood, for iron work,	23 22
G. W. Hoogs, Jr., for meal,	19 90
D. C. Mills, for beef,	5 00
S. & S. G. Williams, for coal,	6 06
Leonard A. Kingsbury, for meat,	16 45
E. H. Greenwood, for supplies,	2 38
Clark & Edwards, for "	44 92
Otis Pettee, for iron work,	20 72
W. Marcy, for hardware,	2 27
P. Frost, for iron work,	1 51
Oliver Bacon, for supplies,	9 78
Cyrus Robbins, for meal,	1 80
E. G. Byington, for supplies and services,	32 75
	$238 63

[The above items are for expenses incurred the previous year, but not paid until after April 1, 1852.]

Ezekiel Peabody, for supplies,	$50 00
do. "	54
do. "	100 00
do. "	100 00
do. "	25 82
do. "	50 00
do. "	9 37
do. "	25 00
do. "	15 00
do. "	5 43
do. for services,	60 00
do. "	60 00
do. "	60 00
do. "	60 00
J. H. Carter, for tin and glass ware,	3 92
Martin Broad, for horse,	75 00
William Flagg, for three cows,	80 75
Otis Sawyer, for cash paid for posts and rails,	75 00
William Peirce, for supplies to Sally Newell and Polly French,	15 64
do. " to H. Childs' family.	18 44
William Flagg, for cash paid for advertising,	1 38
do. " going to Framingham to buy posts and rails,	1 50

Wm. Flagg for cash delivered Sally Newell,	$1 00
do. " going to Dorchester, and various other places about lame girl,	1 50
J. H. Carter, going to Watertown to settle with E. G. Byington,	1 50
do. going to buy oxen,	1 00
do. bill of swine,	16 00
do. going to Watertown to settle with E. G. Byington,	1 50
S. G. Williams, coal,	27 00
Josiah Noyes, medical attendance, 1850, '51, '52,	35 30
do. medical attendance out of Alms-house, 1850, '51, '52,	31 47
Henry A. Smith, support of widow E. Mills,	13 00
do. do. do.	7 00
Wm. D. Woodcock, boarding his mother,	3 25
do. do. do.	3 25
do. do. do.	6 25
Ezekiel Peabody, premium received from Fair, over his expenses,	6 60
J. H. Carter, cash paid city of Boston, for fuel furnished Martha W. Jackson, 1850, '51, '52, '53,	16 37
	$1064 78

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

H. L. Howe,	$ 53 96
do.	130 04
Work done by inhabitants,	154 42
	$338 42
Less paid him through mistake,	10 40
	$328 02

WEST DISTRICT.

G. F. Darling,	$30 00
do.	34 75
Work done by inhabitants,	92 20
	$156 95

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Joseph Russell,	$36 90
Work done by inhabitants,	43 58
	$80 48

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

John A. Libby,	$21 82
Work done by inhabitants,	29 81
	$51 63

PLAIN DISTRICT.

G. G. Stevens,	$17 40
Work done by inhabitants,	76 53
	$93 93

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Francis Jones,	$34 95
Work done by inhabitants,	38 51
	$73 46

EAST DISTRICT.

James Smith,	$33 38
Work done by inhabitants,	63 99
	$97 37

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

Franklin Stevens,	$9 53
Work done by inhabitants,	31 80
	$41 33

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Bill Burrill,	$30 39
Work done by inhabitants,	50 02
	$80 41

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

William Pierce,	$30 49
Work done by inhabitants,	20 33
	$50 82

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of Schools,	$1546 34
" " necessary charges, including $200 extra grant for repair of highways, appropriated by Selectmen,	2243 26
" " support of Poor,	1064 78
" " " " for 1851–2,	238 63
" " repair of highways,	1054 40
	$6147 41

The Treasurer has received

Of G. E. Eaton, Collector—due for 1850—	$215 20
" " " " " 1852—	6065 91
" Treasurer of the Commonwealth, School money,	83 88
" " " State Paupers for 1847,	68 11
" " " " " " 1852,	40 02
" Town of Newton for support of H. Child's family,	18 46
" H. L. Howe, (over paid,)	10 40
" E. Peabody, for yoke of oxen sold,	80 00
	$6581 98

Due the town from Elisha Lyon, Treasurer, April 1, 1853, $266 88

Indebtedness

To John Wells, on note,	$2200	
" heirs Ebenezer Fisher, on note,	550	
" Elisha H. Lyon, "	1300	
" Dedham Savings Bank, "	250	
" Solomon F. Smith, on an order,	100	
" Eunice Smith, "	290 33	
	$4690 33	
The town raised by Tax,	6851 88	

Appropriations for the Year.

Necessary charges, including highway repairs,	3500
Support of Schools,	1500
Support of Poor,	750
County Tax,	785 59
	$6535 59

Report of Committee on the Alms-house, April, 1853.

The whole amount of orders drawn for the support of the institution past year,		$1061 43
Rent of Town Farm,		300 00
Probable tax,		30 00
Interest on personal property,		58 34
		$1449 77

Credit.

Gain on personal property,	$66 73	
Received for state paupers,	70 03	
One hundred and seventy-seven meals for Town Officers,	29 50	
Use of Town Hall,	60 00	
Work done off the Farm,	48 00	
do. on bridges and highways,	36 00	
Blasting and hauling rock,	27 00	337 26
Balance against the institution,		$1112 51
Seven hundred and fifty-seven weeks board of paupers the past year, would, according to this report, be a fraction less than $1 47 per week.		
Expense of poor out of Alms-house,		$112 05

H. LONGFELLOW,
G. K. DANIELL, } *Committee.*

REPORT

ON THE

COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM

OF NEEDHAM.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the meeting of March 7th the petition of Franklin Stevens and others, for a new school in the North West, and of John W. Shaw and others, for a new school in the vicinity of Grantville Depot, and the proposition of George K. Daniell and others to establish two or more High Schools in town, and the condition and wants of our Common Schools, would respectfully submit the following Report:

Your Committee do recommend the establishing of two High Schools in town, one in the East and one in the West. In coming to such conclusion, your Committee have examined with some care the true theory of Common Schools, the new type that the system of popular education is assuming in the State, the condition of the schools in town, and the difficulties that now lie in the way of perfecting them. Your Committee assume it as the true theory, ultimate destiny and the perfection of the Common School system, that it afford ample means to all the children of the community to pursue any studies properly lying this side of the College and professional schools. They also assume that the true policy of parents is to elevate their home

schools, that they may avoid the necessity, expense, and moral danger of sending their children from home to pursue the common studies of the Academy.

Moreover, the schools recommended by your Committee, are necessary to give such an education to the rising generation as the times demand. There has not been greater advance during the last twenty years in the mode and implements of agriculture, and in the combination and uses of machinery, than in the nature, process and extent of common school education. And the children of Needham must be furnished with the necessary ways and means to make the common progress of the times. Otherwise, in adult years, they will not be able to compete successfully with those from other towns who are now enjoying these superior facilities. But in our schools, as now managed, these advantages cannot be had. We cannot afford suitable teachers for such an end in our six district schools. Or if they were placed in them, the different ages and capacities of the pupils, and the multifarious studies, will keep the teachers from doing justice to the advanced scholars. But the town can afford to hire two such teachers, and then to their charge can be committed those who seek these superior advantages and are qualified to enjoy them.

This change in our school system would allow a proper classification of scholars, and hence few studies and large classes—a point of vast importance to be gained, as every one knows who has had much to do with the management of schools.

Your Committee would remark yet farther in favor of this change, that it would be a matter of great economy to the town. Any one who has not put his thoughts on this point into figures, will be astonished at the facts in the case. Many children of the town are wishing each year instruction in the classics, in the higher branches of philosophy, and in the practical sciences. The number who go out of town for this purpose is large, and those who would go, were they able, would swell this number very much. Suppose, however, but twenty-five go elsewhere for these extra

advantages. Making suitable allowance for difference in cost of board at home, and away from home, one hundred and fifty dollars per annum for each, is far lower for board and tuition than the cost at any decent academy in New England. But put it thus low, and make no account of traveling expenses, and that significant, indefinite, pregnant item in most school bills, "incidentals," and we have an aggregate cost, for these twenty-five scholars sent out of town, of thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Now, if they can be provided for at home for one thousand a year, it will be a great economy to do it. Moreover, many who desire these advantages for their children, are not able to meet their bills away from home, and so the rich only have the benefit of them. Whereas, if we add an additional thousand to our present sum for school purposes, we can make these advantages common and equal to the rich and the poor.

Your Committee are aware of the great aversion of the people of Massachusetts to taxation, from early colony times to this present. But let not a name or an indirect process to the same end, deceive any one. Wherein lies the policy or economy of lifting the hand by vote against an additional dollar for these extra school privileges for one's children in town, and then putting that same hand into the pocket to pay the bill of one hundred dollars for the same advantages procured out of town? Yet how few fathers are there who will not at some time send a child one or more terms out of town to school? And the bills will rise a hundred fold above what would have been his tax to support as good a school within a mile or two of his own door. Yet under a gentle delusion he is quiet. The dollar is a direct tax—the hundred voluntary. He seeks opportunity abroad to pay the larger,—votes against the smaller, and if compelled, pays it grudgingly. So does the word, "taxation," extort a hundred per cent. more for the same article from the man who is affected by names more than things. So does he oppress himself who is not free enough to tax himself for his own self-interest.

Let those in ordinary circumstances look more closely still at this project. If they be unable to send their children from home to school, then the free schools of the town must be to their children, Academy, College, and Professional School.

Suppose, now, they object to the slight increase of tax for the High Schools proposed, and defeat the measure. Then their children lose, wholly, the extra privileges of which we speak. Their education is, of course, inferior. Then, when they enter on the adult callings of life, they must take inferior position, and compensation. Regarding now the children as settled inferiorly in life, because the father would save ten dollars in taxes during all their years of schooling, the question arises, Did that father pursue a wise and economical course for his sons and daughters?

But your Committee would not argue, at length, this part of their Report. They wish to say only enough to secure for the measure proposed a favorable and candid consideration, till it shall come up for the action of the town at a future meeting.

In the view of your Committee, the petition for a new school in the North West is reasonable, and should be granted, for these reasons among others. With two exceptions, all the families included within the proposed limits for the new school, are now one and one fourth miles or more from any school house,—too great a distance for very young scholars to travel in all weather.

The number of children between 5 and 15 within the proposed limits for the new school is 33,—a fair number for a school,—certainly enough to warrant the establishing of one.

The petitioners, mostly, are compact in their location, and so, naturally ask for a school in their midst; while the roads so intersect their territory, as to offer a central and very convenient situation for a school. The difficulties of access to their present school, especially in the winter and in storms, render it comparatively useless to many of their children. Some of the parents have boarded their children

out of town, and others have made special and extra efforts to carry theirs to school, that they might not lose the blessing so valuable and so easily obtained by those more favorably located.

While taxed as others, they are now denied an equality of privilege, and though your Committee are averse to multiplying schools to accommodate isolated handfuls of children, when a number as large as those of the petitioners, and as compactly located, and yet as poorly accommodated, asks for a school, it seems but an act of simple justice and equal rights to grant the petition.

But your Committee beg leave to add distinctly, that they do not recommend this new school in the North West, unless the High Schools recommended be established. The multiplication of small schools, where scholars of all ages, grades and wants are gathered, your Committee consider a great evil. An essential to good schools is *classification* of the pupils, which is impossible, with many and small districts. To divide the West district, with no High School for its more advanced scholars, your Committee think would produce greater evils, by far, than those now complained of by the petitioners, and themselves would be the first sufferers. For such division would destroy the present grading of the West school into upper and lower,—a measure that now contributes, more than any other one thing, to place it on the elevation it holds among the schools in town.

And many of the reasons above mentioned for a new school in the North West, with some additional, avail for granting a new school in the vicinity of Grantville Depot.

The number of scholars that would be better accommodated by such a school is now more than forty, and many of these are at a very uncomfortable distance from the present school. Some ten of them have not attended the winter past because of this great inconvenience—while some have been sent out of town to school.

To meet the exigency, a private school is proposed for the summer, and is now in process of formation. The centering interests and growing importance of that village point

distinctly to a village school, and with more and more emphasis each quarter.

The amount of taxes for school purposes raised within the proposed limits, the compact and village character of the petitioners, and the unfortunate distance, to many of them, of the present school, entitle the prayer of the memorialists to a very respectful and yielding attention. And it is to be considered that the accommodations of the North School House, are by no means suitable to meet the wants of all the scholars of the district. It is arranged for two schools. But the roof covers no more than floor room enough for the pupils of one teacher. The smaller room is wholly unfit for the purposes of such a school as has been in it the past winter. Small in area; long and narrow in form; from the necessary position of its stove torrid at one end and frigid at the other, with no ventilation for the stifled and corrupt air of thirty or forty children, but an open window, that often admits a fresh cold, with its fresh air, to the naked and heated heads of the pupils,—the use of the room for school purposes is a violation of the first principles of physiology and the laws of health.

And though the larger room is not so bad, it has almost the same defects, and we commend the judgment, while we mourn the loss, of an able teacher for the school the present summer, who refused the situation because of the objectionable character of the school room. The house suitably remodeled, and making one room only, would accommodate, —but only in a tolerable way,—one school. Its floor and ceiling are by far too near together for those who need pure air for life and health. The roof of the house is not high enough by at least four feet. And moreover, to one who considers the geography of the district, it is evident that its weight is on its extremes, having a village at either end. This fact distinctly points to two schools, and the more significantly, from the rapid increase of scholars in the two villages. For these and other reasons your Committee recommend the establishing of a new school in the vicinity of Grantville Depot.

But as in the case of the North West, your Committee feel constrained to report against any such new school till a High School shall be established in the West to receive the more advanced scholars, of the North District. And the reasons are the same as in the case of the North West, why there should be no division till a High School is established.

To meet the necessary expenses of the new schools proposed,—one in the North West, and one near Grantville Depot, and also for the two proposed High Schools, your Committee recommend that one thousand dollars be added to the present sum raised for school purposes. The plan of your Committee centemplates eight primary schools, averaging about eight months schooling each year—to be taught by female teachers, and also two Annual High Schools to be taught by male teachers. This additional thousand does not include provisions for new School Houses, since it is hoped that, for the present, one room in the School House at East Needham would accommodate one of the High Schools, while a room could probably be hired for the other in the West, possibly in the North West, also. If not, a new house would be necessary there.

Some will, probably, regard a rise of one thousand dollars on our school money, as very great. But it is to be borne in mind that a rise of five hundred dollars is needed now, whether any of the present recommendations of your Committee be adopted, or not. And besides, the increase of tax to individuals will be but a trifle. For the additional thousand, it will be a tax of one dollar on every $1312 of taxable property. And is this much for so great and desirable changes? And it is a fact bearing heavily on the case, that the town is not now doing by its Common Schools, what it did twenty years ago, in proportion to its valuation. Should it now raise as much per cent. on its property as it then did, instead of $1500,—the present amount of school money,—it would raise $2580—more than all that your Committee propose. Can we not do as well as our fathers, for Common Schools? Are we a people

of progress, and yet falling behind them on a matter so vital to the public weal as free schools?

In examining into the condition of our schools, marking the difficulties that lie in the way of their perfection, and devising the best means for their improvement, your Committee are led to recommend the abolition of the office of Prudential Committee in the several districts, and an increase of the Superintending Committee to five.

Some of the reasons for this proposed change will be briefly stated.

The success of the school evidently depends mainly on the teacher. A good house, good books and good scholars, with an abundance of time and money are of no avail, if a sad mistake be made in securing the right kind of teacher. Of course, therefore, the selection is of the first importance. We want no doubtful one, none just tolerable,—no needy adventurer, with no interest in teaching, or in education,—except as it pays him good wages. Now, it frequently happens that the Prudential Committee are not inclined to the office, or peculiarly qualified to fill it—for it is often forced on the legal voters in the district in rotation—and their business, position and movements in society, and acquaintance with the cause of Education, do not turn their thoughts toward a discriminate and skilful selection of a teacher. This is no reproach to them, for it is not in their line of business. They wait for applications, and as their arrangement cannot be binding, and final, and the responsibility of having a good or bad teacher lies with the Superintending Committee, they pass over those of whom but little is known, to the Committee for trial. In no other way can we account for the fact that so many come before the Superintending Committee who have not even the rudiments of a good teacher. Or it may be, that, immediately after his election, the Prudential Committee man for the district, is beset by brother or cousin, nephew or neice, or some other very dear friend, or by the friend of somebody, for the position of teacher in the school. The agent is sorely tried, if he have doubts, or strongly tempted, if he have

preferences. Or from private and local causes in the district, a teacher unfit for the school may be engaged, and before he appears before the Examining Committee, there may be such strong party influences in the district in his favor, as to render it highly impolitic in the Committee to reject him, while to retain him will prove a serious injury to the school. Indeed, often the Examining Committee is so straitened by the working of the present system, that they are forced to a choice between two evils:—the approbation of a poor teacher, or his rejection, and very serious troubles consequent in the district.

And this fact leads your Committee to say farther on the proposed change, that the present system of procuring teachers through the Prudential Committee, often deprives the Examining Committee of freedom of action, while it holds them responsible for the character of the teachers. The Prudential Committee never think of presenting more than one candidate for examination for one school. So that, for the time, it is always Hobson's choice with the Examining Committee,—that one, or none. Frequently the candidate comes into town Saturday evening after notice has been issued, and all arrangemenis made, for the school to commence on Monday morning next following. Then late in the evening, a majority of the Committee, wearied and hurried, is brought together to examine the candidate. Now whereas but one question ought to be submitted to them, viz:—Is the candidate well qualified to teach this school, with full time to deliberate, they are forced to answer many. If not fully satisfied with the candidate, they are compelled to ask, Is it policy to defer the commencement of the school, and so disappoint all the district, and provoke some? Will not its postponement encroach on the following term. As this is the usual season for schools to commence, and therefore, as all the truly desirable teachers are probably employed, shall we get a better if we reject this one? It will be readily seen that if the candidate be barely tolerable, he must, by force of circumstances, be taken. The Committee have no lee-way for their doubts,—they can

drop no anchor to windward. Now your Committee submit it to the town as a fair question,—Is an examining Committee, in such circumstances, free to act on its one duty and no more? The fact has been adduced that the candidate frequently appears before the Committee on the Saturday evening prior to the notified commencement of the school. It is within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, that he has been presented for examination even as late as Monday morning, and while the little hungry expectants of knowledge were already hanging about the door of the school room.

Your Committee, moreover, desire the town to consider that by the present system, there is an almost invariable change of teachers from term to term, which would not be the case were the Superintending Committee empowered to hire them. Your Committee consider this as one of the most serious objections to the present system. No business house thinks it wise to change its head clerk, or a manufacturing corporation its agent, once in six or twelve months. His permanency is the permanency and progress of their interests. And so in schools. A large part of the first term is consumed in the mutual acquisition of the knowledge of each other, by teacher, pupils, and parents,—a knowledge indispensable to the highest success of the school. Hence usually the second term of a good teacher in the same school is worth twenty per cent. more than the first. Now when the Superintending Committee find an able, faithful and successful teacher in a school, and one who is willing to continue in it, had they the power they would continue him. But as things now are, this teacher can have no assurance of re-engagement, and so to guard against failure, he engages early elsewhere. And it should here be added that as the measure your Committee propose, has been to a large extent adopted in other towns, so that they are able to secure permanent teachers, the first class of teachers is drawn into these permanent situations, while the towns with our present system of hiring, are forced to select from the second class, i. e., floating and transient teachers. The

town has been very fortunate the year past in securing teachers mostly of the first order, but by our present system we cannot be sure of them again. And this constant change of teachers, subjects both teachers and pupils to an unvarying series of beginnings.

The idea of system and progress from year to year is destroyed. At the commencement with a new teacher, the pupils are "put back," as their parents often complainingly say. When fairly under way, with good understanding of the teacher's methods of instruction and government, his term expires, another teacher comes in, and again the same dull round of beginnings must be passed through. And, besides, the present unfortunate system does not allow the Committee to locate teachers according to their fitness for particular schools. The Committee approbate nine for the winter schools. But these schools vary much in character, and so do the teachers, and could the Committee locate them as they are best adapted to particular locations, any one will see that it must be a vast gain to the common school cause in the whole town.

The present system, moreover, does not allow to the Committee the wide range of selection that is desirable. Suppose the change made that is now proposed, and six teachers wanted for the summer schools,—the Committee give notice that on such a day they will meet to engage teachers for these six schools. Ten or twelve apply, and are examined. The best are chosen and allotted to the school for which they are best fitted. Who does not see in this a wonderful advantage over the present course? According to the proposed plan, the Committee cannot be forced by circumstances and exigencies to approve a teacher who is barely tolerable. Nor ought they. We should have no teacher who is not clearly and manifestly far above mediocrity. This change will add much to the duties of the Superintending Committee: yet they should consent to it for two reasons, if no more, the certain and vast increase of good to the schools, and the making their power somewhat proportioned to their responsibility. To share these added

duties, the Committee recommend the addition of two to the usual number of the Superintending Committee. Nor is there any legal difficulty in the way of making this change. When the usual time comes round for the town to vote that the districts appoint Prudential Committees, it has only to refrain from passing such a vote, and the change is made. The duties of the Prudential Committee do then, according to statute, devolve on the Superintending Committee.

In concluding this topic in their Report, the Committee think it not inappropriate to add that of the law preparing the way for district committees, the Hon. Horace Mann, so long the able Secretary of the Board of Education, uses the following language: "I consider it * * * the most unfortunate law, on the subject of Common Schools, ever enacted in the State."

In conclusion, your Committee recommend that the changes herein proposed, go into effect at the beginning of the school year for 1854–5, and that the town act on the adoption or rejection of changes proposed, at the regular meeting in November next.

All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee.

W. BARROWS.

Needham, April 4, 1853.

NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Reports of the Committee.

THE Committee appointed at the Nov. meeting, 1853, to report plans at the March meeting, 1854, for carrying out the new School system adopted by the town in April, 1853, would respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

Your Committee find, on examination, that the number of scholars in town, prepared to enter the two proposed Grammar or High Schools, is about one hundred. That the number in the East and in the West sections of the town is about the same.

As the report adopted by the town at its meeting in April, 1853, contemplated one Grammar or High School in the East section of the town, and one in the West: as also a new Primary School in the North-west, and one near the Grantville depot, your Committee have made estimates of cost of land, buildings, yards, &c., for the same, and report as follows:

House, &c., for High and Primary Schools in the East,	$4300
House, &c., for High School in the West, - - - - -	3300
House, &c., for Primary School near Grantville depot,	1,400
House, &c., for Primary School in the North-west, - -	1,000
Total of outlay,	$10,000

Your Committee also made estimates on what would be the annual expense of the town for school purposes, after the proposed plan shall have gone into operation, and report as follows :

Two Masters for the Grammar or High School, $600 each,	$1200
Eight female Teachers, 32 weeks each, at $5 per week,	1280
Wood, &c., for ten Schools, $25 each, - - - - - - -	250
	$2730

In consideration of the fact that very liberal private subscriptions have been volunteered toward the carrying out of the plan, and in consideration of the fact, too, that those in the more immediate vicinity of the proposed Grammar or High Schools will derive more advantage from the same than those residing on the borders of the town, your Committee propose to the town to proceed to the execution of the plan in one year from date, if by private subscriptions $4000 shall have been guaranteed to the town toward the cost of the same in the outlay.

The balance of the outlay, being, according to estimates, $6000, your Committee propose to the town to borrow for a term of years, and to pay the interest on the same annually. Adding this interest to the annual expenses of the town for school purposes, as estimated above, the total, annual cost to the town of the proposed plan will be

As above, - - - - - - - - -	$2730
Interest on $6000, - - - - -	360
Total,	$3090

All which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL KIMBALL,
JOSIAH H. CARTER,
E. K. WHITAKER,
N. LONGFELLOW,
} *Committee.*
L. SUMNER,
REUBEN WARE,
JONA. FULLER,
JOSIAH NOYES,

Needham, March 6, 1854.

REPORT OF THE MINORITY.

The MINORITY of your Committee, appointed at the November meeting, 1853, to report plans at the March meeting, 1854, for carrying out the new School system adopted by the town in April, 1853, would submit the following

REPORT.

The Minority is happy to to be able to agree with the Majority in their favorable judgment of the School plan already adopted by the town; and also to agree with them in their recommendation of its execution at an early date. Thus far the Minority agrees with the Majority, making the Committee unanimous.

Nor will the Minority here dissent from the Majority in the estimates, though it is thought that the outlay may be reduced $2000. But the Minority dissents from the report of the Majority on two points.

First, on the amount of private subscription made requisite to the execution of the plan. As the end sought by this plan is not private or local, but of general interest, pertaining to the whole town, and as more than one-fifth of the estimated outlay is for two Primary Schools, such as other parts of the town are enjoying *wholly* at the town's expense, it does not seem reasonable or just to exact two-fifths of the entire outlay from the localities where the new Schools may be erected, and afterward tax them equally with the others for the balance.

The localities that may possess the Grammar Schools might, perhaps, reasonably donate land for the same. Generosity, promotion of the common good, and a strong desire and even necessity to break away from present sore inconveniences in educational interests, might induce them to make a gift of more than this to the town.

Hoping much from such causes, yet disclaiming the right or justice of *exacting* it, the Minority of your Committee would propose $3000 instead of $4000, as the amount to be obtained by subscription.

Second, the minority would dissent from the report of the Majority, and propose that the town enter on the execution of the plan as soon as the proposed subscription shall have been guaranteed, instead of one year from date. The Minority feels constrained to recommend this early action for these reasons among others.

The town adopted the plan by a four-fifths vote almost a year ago.

The town is suffering in its educational and financial interests for the want of it.

If not executed before the time recommended by the Majority, which will not bring the plan into use before a year from next November—the children for at least one of the contemplated Primary Schools will be denied reasonable and necessary accommodations for a whole year.

And finally, if the plan be a good one, and desirable for execution in one year from date, as the recommendation of the Majority fully shows, then does there seem to be no good reason why the town should not move at once to reap the advantages of it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. BARROWS.

Needham, March 6, 1854.

REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1854.

DEDHAM:
PRINTED BY COX & HUTCHINS,
HIGH STREET, OPPOSITE PHŒNIX HOUSE.
1854.

REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully report that they have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that the following statements exhibit the Financial Affairs of the Town, April 1, 1854.

The Treasurer has received

Of the Treasurer for last year,	$85 88
Of the State Treasurer (School Fund)	87 55
Of the Collector,	8194 86
Of John Mills, (money borrowed)	480 00
Of Otis Sawyer, (money borrowed)	192 00
	$9040 29

There has been paid out by the Treasurer, the past year, as follows:

FOR REPAIRS ON THE HIGHWAYS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

To H. L. Howe,	$40 20	
do.	181 36	
To other Inhabitants,	123 62	
		$345 18

WEST DISTRICT.

To Geo. F. Darling,	$41 00	
do.	19 20	
To other Inhabitants,	105 12	
		$165 32

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

To Joseph Russell, ...	$39 22	
To other Inhabitants, ...	38 45	
		$77 67

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

To John A. Libba, ...	$24 79	
To other Inhabitants, ...	27 71	
		$52 50

PLAIN DISTRICT.

To Geo. G. Stevens, ...	$32 83	
To other Inhabitants, ...	83 42	
		$116 25

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

To Roswell Brooks, ...	$55 35	
To other Inhabitants, ...	21 85	
		$77 20

EAST DISTRICT.

To Warren Dewing, ...	$29 88	
do.	7 18	
To other Inhabitants, ...	64 25	
		$101 31

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

To John McCracken, ...	$22 82	
To other Inhabitants, ...	25 67	
		$48 49

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To John Mills, ...	$28 00	
To other Inhabitants, ...	52 00	
		$80 00

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

To William Pierce, ...	$39 58	
To other Inhabitants, ...	12 97	
		$52 55
Whole amount for repairing Highways,		$1116 47

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

To Mary Kent, for teaching,		$83 00	
" Ebenezer Smith, for sawing Wood,		8 97	
" Emery Fiske, for Wood,		24 00	
" Reuben Ware, for do.,		4 78	
" D. D. Patten, for teaching,		160 00	
" C. M. Sawyer, for do.,		64 00	
" Luther Gilbert, for making Fires, Brooms, &c.,		10 12	
			$354 87

WEST DISTRICT.

To A. H. Wellington, for teaching,		$90 00	
" Robert Mansfield, for a Chest,		5 00	
" " " for Wood, sawing same, &c.,		42 23	
" E. Ellen Flagg, for teaching,		67 50	
" Denison Gage, Jr., for do.,		184 50	
" Robert Mansfield, for Brooms, &c.,		1 21	
			$390 44

EAST DISTRICT.

To Irene Felt, for teaching,		$80 00	
" Otis Alden, for Pail, Dipper, Chalk, &c.,		5 09	
" " " for Wood, and sawing the same,		12 50	
" Solomon Flagg, for teaching,		136 00	
			$233 59

SOUTH DISTRICT.

To C. E. Jones, for teaching,		$60 00	
" D. D. Leavitt, for do.,		144 00	
" C. Hank, for Wood, Broom, Dipper, &c.,		20 80	
			$224 80

CENTRE DISTRICT.

To B. G. Kimball, for getting Teacher, cleaning House, &c.,		$3 82	
" B. G. Kimball, for making Fires, and do., do.,		5 25	
" E. M. Bradbury, for teaching,		70 00	
" Albert Wood, for do.,		130 00	
" Adeline M. Eaton, for do.,		52 00	
" Daniel Kimball, for Wood,		23 92	
			$284 99

PLAIN DISTRICT.

To E. A. Shaw, for teaching,		$80 00	
" Albert Palmer, for do.,		153 00	
" Lauren Kingsbury, for Wood, &c.,		23 73	
			$256 73
			$1745 42

FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR.

1853.			
April 6,	To Supply Clapp, for boarding Widow Enoch Mills, and funeral expenses for the same,		$18 50
" 21,	" William D. Woodcock, for boarding his mother,		3 25
July 1,	" " " " " "		3 25
Nov. 18,	" " " " " "		3 25
1854.			
Jan. 25,	" " " " " "		3 25
" "	" R. Boynton, for an Ox Yoke,		2 00
1853.			
May 2,	" George Smith, for one Yoke of Oxen,		110 00
July 1,	" E. Peabody, for balance of his accounts, to date,		5 26
" 1,	" " for supplies for the Almshouse,		150 00
Oct. 11,	" " " " "		100 00
July 1,	" " for services,	65 00	
Oct. 11,	" " " "	65 00	
1854.			
Jan. 25,	" " " "	65 00	
Mch. 31,	" " " "	65 00	260 00
" 31,	" " for balance of his account to date,		1 63
			$660 39

FOR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

1854.		
April 4,	To James Smith, for breaking roads in Upper Falls District,	$9 20
	" Wm. Pierce, for breaking roads in Upper South Dis.	4 30
	" " for services as Committee on roads,	2 00
	" Bill Burrell, for breaking roads in Centre District,	3 60

April 4,	To Nathan Longfellow, for services as Committee on Town Report, and preparing it for print,	6	50
"	H. L. Howe, for breaking roads in North District,	7	60
"	Franklin Stevens, for breaking roads in N. W. Dis.,	5	90
"	Daniel Kimball, Nathan Longfellow, and Wm. Barrows, for services as examining School Committee,	67	00
"	J. H. Carter, for services in viewing roads,	4	50
"	" for repairs on East School-house,	3	60
"	" for bottle of Ink,		10
"	Otis Sawyer, for cash paid for making a piece of road near Geo. B. Revere's house,	29	50
"	Thomas Prince, for printing School Report for 1852—3,	10	50
"	Jona. Fuller, for building a Stone Bridge near the house of Dr. Morton,	106	67
"	Wm. Clark, for repairs on North School-house,	3	75
"	E. C. Jenkins and seven others, for services as Engine men,	40	00
"	D. D. Howe, for refreshments furnished Engine men,	12	00
"	A. C. & W. Curtis, for stones used on bridge, near Benjamin Wells',	12	00
"	J. H. Carter and two others, for services as Engine men,	10	00
"	G. W. Hoogs, for nails used on Lower Falls bridge,	1	85
"	Jona. Fuller, for services as Selectman on roads, &c.,	11	35
"	J. H. Carter, for printing road notices and express,	1	37
"	" for services as Selectman on roads, &c.,	14	88
"	Wm. Flagg, Lauren Kingsbury and Geo. K. Daniel, for services as Assessors,	114	31
"	E. Fuller, Jr., Abatement of Tax on Personal Est.,	2	88
"	Thos. P. Weston, " " " "	2	88
"	Luther Gilbert, " " " "	9	22
"	Sarah Slack, for damage to her land by making road across the same,	100	00
"	T. N. Smith, for repairing railing near Galen Orr's Silk Factory,	15	66
"	Engine No. 3, of Waltham,	10	00
"	" No. 6, of Newton Centre,	10	00
"	" No. 5, of Newton Corner,	10	00
"	" No. 4, of Newton Upper Falls,	10	00
"	" No. 7, of Brighton,	10	00
"	Wales & Mills, for refreshments furnished Engine men at the fire of Eaton & Moulton's,	10	61
"	Luther Gilbert, for Ventilator, and putting it up,	28	69
"	Geo. F. Darling, for breaking roads in West Dist.,	8	50
"	" for services as Committee on Roads and Schools,	4	00
"	Wm. Lyon, for land,	20	00
"	John H. Johnson, for damage sustained by the road being left in a careless way,	15	00

April 4,	To Matthias Mills, Abatement on Taxes,	8	64
	" Otis Alden, for repairs on East School-house,	2	00
	" C. C. Shurtleff, for work on railing, near R. Hurd's,	2	57
	" Granville Fuller, for Lumber furnished for the Upper Falls bridge,	124	31
	" Danl. Kimball, for printing 500 copies of School Report, on the New System,	15	00
	" George Jennings, for furnishing a light at the bridge near Dr. Morton's, when dangerous,		93
	" J. Mills, for services on Committee at Almshouse,	2	00
	" Francis Blake, for land damage for a road,	5	00
	" Chas. Rice, Jr., for lumber for railings, &c.,	10	44
	" Otis Morton, for driving stakes on the road near the house of John O'Neal,		75
	" Putnam & Raymond, abatement of tax on real estate,	1	87
	" T. N. Smith, for spruce lumber,	15	39
	" George Revere, for fencing the road near his house, while under construction,	4	00
	" Otis Sawyer, services as Selectman, meeting County Commissioners, &c.,	36	50
	" Otis Sawyer, interest on money advanced for the town,	1	25
	" J. H. Carter, for service as Selectman, meeting Commissioners, &c.,	15	59
	" J. H. Carter, for Horse and Cart and two men, filling up by the bridge,	3	75
	" J. H. Carter, for 4 loads Stones for same,	2	00
	" " for services about bridge,	3	00
	" " interest on money advanced for town,		87
	" two Deeds for Lyon's land and recording the same,	1	87
	" Jona. Fuller, for services as Selectman, meeting Commissioners, &c.,	10	25
	" Jona. Fuller, for 11 stone posts for bounds on roads,	5	50
	" " for repairing bridge near his house,	4	25
	" " for setting posts for railing,	3	00
	" " 51 posts for railing,	8	50
	" Geo. F. Darling, for filling a hole in the road near the West Needham depot,	2	00
	" Wm. Pierce, for services as Committee on road,	2	00
	" " for repairing railing near Dover Mills,	4	94
	" G. G. Hubbard, for making and railing a new road, near the house of E. Peabody,	262	50
	" John G. Reynolds, for straightening road near the house of Wm. D. Kingsbury,	10	00
	" Thos. Rice, Jr., for making and straightening road from his paper mill to the County road,	25	00
	" E. Peabody, for making new road near Almshouse,	217	50
	" Reuben Ware, for making road from the Whitlow house to Lower Falls bridge,	220	00
	" Richard Boynton, for labor on bridge near the Upper Falls,	33	31

April 4,	To Elbridge G. Whittemore, for damage sustained by the roads being out of repair, . . .	5	00
"	Geo. Jennings, for making return of 11 deaths,	1	10
"	E. Fuller, Jr., for 5 hoes used at the fire in the woods the last season, ...	2	75
"	M. & A. Crafts, for spikes used on bridge at Upper Falls, ...	8	48
"	M. & A. Crafts, for 133 lbs. Iron, for railing posts,	8	64
"	Thos. Kingsbury, Insurance on South School-house,	4	56
"	" E. H. Lyon, for interest on note,	78	00
"	" Eben'r S. Fisher, " "	33	00
"	" John Wells, " "	132	00
"	Geo. E. Eaton, for varnishing hearse, . .	3	00
"	" for services as Committee on Schools,	2	00
"	" for returning 19 deaths to Clerk,	1	90
"	Thos. Kingsbury, for returning 43 deaths to the Town Clerk for 1847–8–9–50 and 51, .	4	30
"	Thos. Kingsbury, for services on Committee at the Alms-house, ...	2	00
"	Geo. K. Daniell, for services preparing last year's report, ...	10	00
"	Geo. K. Daniell, for printing same, . .	15	00
"	Robert Mansfield, for repairing West School-house,	5	95
"	Horace Cate, for damage to horses and sleighs where the road was out of order, . . .	50	00
"	Daniel Kimball, for repairs on Centre School-house,	2	75
"	Jona. Fuller, for safe, and freight on same, .	152	72
"	" cash paid for lumber for railing,	10	29
"	" for drawing and putting up do.,	4	00
"	" for services on roads, meeting Commissioners, &c., ...	16	85
"	J. H. Carter, for 91 ft. plank put on Kendrick's bridge, ...	1	36
"	J. H. Carter, for labor, repairing same, and spikes,	2	10
"	" for cash paid D. Herring, for work on culvert, ...	3	00
"	J. H. Carter, going to Waltham for printing Town Warrant, ...	1	25
"	J. H. Carter, cash paid for same, . . .	2	75
"	" for services on roads with Commissioners, &c., ...	11	50
"	Otis Sawyer, for taking charge of building road near Alms-house, ...	4	00
"	Otis Sawyer, on Committee to investigate the Alms-house affairs for 1849–50 and 51, .	6	00
"	J. H. Carter, for services on roads with Commissioners, &c., ... ,	11	00
"	Solomon Flagg, for going to Boston to buy safe,	1	00
"	" " for services as Town Clerk,	29	68
"	Eunice Smith, for Interest on Town Order, .	17	42
"	Solomon F. Smith, " " " .	6	00

April 4,	To William Jones, for warning Town meetings, .	12	50
	" C. Hank, for repairing South School-house, .	1	11
	" R. Brooks, for breaking roads in Lower South District, ...	43	05
	" Reuben Ware, for labor done on new road near the Whitlow house, previous to his last contract,	150	00
	" Wm. Pierce, for breaking roads in Upper South District, ...	17	80
	" E. Peabody, for do. in North Centre District,	9	80
	" Geo. G. Stevens, for do. in Plain District, .	31	60
	" Joseph Russell, for do. in West Centre District,	26	60
	" " for repairing highway, . .	3	50
	" Thos. Kingsbury, for Interest on Note to Dedham Savings Institution, ...	15	00
	" Thos. Kingsbury, for services as Town Treasurer for one year, including 2 journeys to Boston, &c.,	30	00
	" Geo. F. Darling, for breaking roads in West Dist.,	24	00
	" Wm. Pierce, for services as Committee, . .	2	00
	" Thos. Kingsbury, for abatement of 23 Poll taxes,	34	50
	" " discount on Taxes the past year,	341	41
	" " collecting Taxes the past year,	76	82
	" Lauren Kingsbury, for repairs on Plain School-house,	1	50
	" H. L. Howe, for breaking out roads in Lower Falls District, ...	42	65
	" Warren Dewing, for breaking out roads in Upper Falls District, ...	13	50
	" John McCracken, for breaking out roads in N. W. District, ...	12	10
	" John A. Libba, for breaking out roads in North Centre District, ...	9	00
	" John Mills, for breaking out roads in Centre Dist.,	11	75
	" J. H. Carter, for cash paid Tolman & Cox, for printing, ...	11	50
		$3389	44

RECAPITULATION.

The Treasurer has paid out

For support of Schools,			$1745 42
" repairs of Highways,			1116 47
" support of Poor,			660 39
" necessary Town charges,			3389 44
" State tax,			435 00
" paid on account of County tax,			400 00
" Note to Otis Sawyer,			200 00
" Note to John Mills,			500 00
" Denison Gage, E. Peabody and others, for orders printed in last year's report and paid out of this year's money,	284 27		
" balance in the Treasury,	309 30	593 57	
		$9040 29	

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

Necessary charges, including Highway repairs,	$5000 00
Support of Schools,	1600 00
Support of Poor,	850 00
County tax,	822 13
State tax,	435 00
Overlays on all the taxes,	43 73
	$8750 86

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer has received since last settlement,	$9040 29
And has paid out,	8730 99
Balance due the Town from Treasurer,	$309 30
Balance due the Town from Collector,	164 00
Balance due the Town from E. Lyon, former Treasurer,	181 00
Whole amount due the Town,	$654 30
Due from the Collector to County Treasurer,	$422 13

ELISHA LYON,
EMERY FISK,
GALEN ORR,
} *Committee.*

Needham, April 3, 1854.

REPORT ON THE ALMS-HOUSE AFFAIRS, APR. 1, 1854.

Amount of Orders drawn for the support of the Institution, Warden's services included,	$628 89
Rent of Town Farm,	300 00
Probable tax,	30 00
Interest on Personal Property,	67 84
	$1026 73

Credit to the Institution.

Gain on Personal Property,	$260 91	
For State Paupers,	42 19	
110 meals furnished Town Officers,	18 33	
Use of Town Hall,	60 00	
Work on Highway and Bridges,	7 00	
Warning two Town meetings,	10 00	
		$398 43
Balance against the Institution,		$628 30

There have been 646 weeks' board at the Alms-house the past year, which on the above calculation would be ninety-seven cents and two mills per week.

Support of Poor out of Alms-House.

Paid to Supply Clapp,	$18 50
Paid to William D. Woodcock, four orders,	13 00
	$31 50

OTIS SAWYER,
JOSIAH H. CARTER,
JONATHAN FULLER, } *Committee.*

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

The Town owe to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Note dated 8th April, 1854,	$5000 00

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

OTIS SAWYER,
JOSIAH H. CARTER,
JONATHAN FULLER, } *Selectmen of Needham.*

April 1, 1854.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1854.

DEDHAM:
PRINTED BY COX & HUTCHINS,
HIGH STREET, OPPOSITE PHŒNIX HOUSE.
1854.

REPORT.

The Superintending Committee of the Public Schools of Needham would respectfully present to the Town their Report. In giving this Report, your Committee propose to notice first, and somewhat in detail, the several Schools of the Town kept during the past year.

THE EAST DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL—Miss Irene Felt, of New Hampshire, Teacher.

This School numbered forty scholars, and was kept sixteen weeks. Having had the School the summer preceding, the teacher commenced on a vantage ground — the mutual knowledge of teacher, scholars and parents, being as so much active capital transferred from the former season. The School was pleasant and progressive. The teacher had good understanding of the branches to be taught, excellent moral principle and influence, and successful methods of government. In the general management and appearance of the School, your Committee desired to see more of the modern improvements in teaching as a profession, and evidence of greater familiarity with valuable innovations, and less conformity to the antiquated.

WINTER SCHOOL—Mr. Solomon Flagg, of Needham, Teacher.

He had fifty-three different scholars, and taught thirteen weeks and three days. He had the same School the two

preceding winters. It needs not that we commend one whose name is so associated with the prosperity of the Common Schools of Needham. His works praise him, but especially for the winter past. He has brought to light more bright eyes and active brains in the East School, than your Committee have ever seen there before. The advance on the preceding winter is very marked, while doubtless not a little of it is owing to the labors of the former winters. And herein your Committee find strong evidence for the retention of successful teachers in the same school. A new factory agent, once a year, does not usually bring about large dividends to the stockholders, and a new stepmother, every six months, would not be very likely to promote domestic happiness and the prosperity of the children. A word to the foolish is sufficient. We give this School our congratulations and commendations, and are willing to turn prophets of its far greater advances another year.

THE SOUTH DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—Miss Caroline E. Jones, of Needham, Teacher.

Your Committee regret much that this School was broken up by the severe and protracted sickness of the teacher. The usual term not being completed by several weeks, and there being no final examination, the Committee are not able to report definitely, as they could wish, on the labors of the teacher, or the faithfulness of the pupils. We can only say, in the main, that the general appearance and prospect of the School were pleasing when closed.

WINTER SCHOOL—Dearborn D. Leavitt, of Grantham, N. H., Teacher.

This session was sixteen weeks, and the number of scholars was thirty-seven. The teacher, an excellent scholar, though not enough of an agitator for this School, showed good judgment, kind feelings, and fidelity in his work, and

the results, at the final examination, commended him. The scholars manifested more of animation than has been usual in this division. This is beginning at the right point for improvement in this School. Intellect there, formerly, has seemed dormant. What is most wanting, is *a mental revolution—an insurrection of ideas.* Hence your Committee have been very happy, during the winter past, to witness, more than usual, uneasy tendencies in this direction. We would encourage the mental rebellion, already begun, against the old *regime*, not doubting that a few vigorous campaigns, with a Bunker Hill battle or two, will secure to the youthful mind of this Division a better system of government. Your Committee notice that the pupils of the South School have taken in hand a long neglected duty of the Town — the providing of ventilators for the school-room. They have adopted the simple process of raggedly removing the plastering and laths at sundry places on the sides and ceiling of the room. It would not be kind in the Committee to criticise here, in a public manner, the style and taste manifested in the workmanship, since in tools the workmen were evidently restricted to a jackknife and a boot. They would only respectfully suggest to the young gentlemen interested, whether it would not be better for them to refer any future improvements in that House or premises, to a Committee of the Town.

THE NORTH DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL—Miss Mary Kent, of Needham, Teacher.

Time, sixteen weeks and three days ; number of scholars, fifty-six. This School sustained its usual good credit in pleasantness, order and prosperity, thus attesting the fidelity of its teacher. It was a large school, though a private one, of more than thirty scholars, mostly from the District, was in session at the same time. The distance that many of the

little ones had to go, swelled the average absence to sixteen a day, a great misfortune to them and the School.

WINTER SCHOOL, PRIMARY—Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer, of Needham, Teacher.

This session, numbering thirty-eight scholars, continued sixteen weeks. Gentle and efficient in government, apt to teach, and winning in manner, it is not strange that Miss Sawyer won a cheerful obedience from her pupils, and led them forward to a very praiseworthy degree in their studies. Your Committee mourn that so interesting and promising a School is forced to the use of so unfit a room, though through efficiency of the agent, Mr. Gilbert, both rooms of this North House were much improved during the season, by the introduction of that essential requisite to a good school-room, a ventilator.

WINTER SCHOOL, UPPER—Mr. D. D. Patten, of Candia, N. H., Teacher.

This School had thirty-four scholars, and a term of sixteen weeks. It is not necessary for the Committee to speak of Mr. Patten as a teacher. He is a prominent fixture in the North School, and these three winters has been most successfully teaching the pupils there to look up; and well have they heeded his admonitions and profited by his endeavors. The School has never shown a better winter's work than the last. We would suggest to the pupils in it that there are yet greater heights to be scaled. "Alps on Alps arise" before them.

THE WEST DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL—Miss Adeline H. Wellington, of Wayland, Teacher.

This School numbered seventy-four scholars, and continued eighteen weeks. The number of pupils was quite too large

for one teacher ; and but for the unusual energy and activity of the one employed, tempered by judgment and tact, the School could have been only tolerable. As it was, it took its usual rank among the first. The teacher was more successful than in her previous session in the same School, by giving a better direction to her labors, teaching her scholars to do their own work rather than doing it for them.

WINTER SCHOOL, PRIMARY—Miss E. Ellen Flagg, of Needham, Teacher.

Term, eighteen weeks ; scholars, forty. Much sickness among the children in this Division, renders a discriminating judgment on the School difficult, if not impossible. The School suffered so much from this cause, that, at the final examination, there were present only twenty-one of its forty scholars. Yet, despite these unfavorable circumstances, and especially for a teacher in her first school, its appearance was orderly, pleasing and progressive, and we commend teacher and pupils for bearing up so well against adverse causes.

WINTER SCHOOL, UPPER—D. Gage, Jr., of New Salem, N. H., Teacher.

Length of term eighteen weeks, and number of scholars forty-seven. We seldom obtain a teacher who does better than Mr. Gage, and the pupils showed that they appreciated his labors, and profited by them. This was his second season with the School, and he made a very happy advance on the preceding year. The final examination did great credit to teacher and pupils. It is one of the greatest misfortunes incidental to our Schools, under their present system, that teachers so successful and beloved cannot be retained from year to year. Where we have the same teacher the second year, we always see the advantages of the retention, and we have no doubt that a third year for Mr. Gage, in this School, will show it still more.

THE CENTRE DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL—Miss E. M. Bradbury, of Newburyport, Teacher.

This was a School of fourteen weeks, and had fifty-four scholars. Miss B. was well acquainted with the work undertaken, and filled her station admirably. There was a cautious, thorough progress in the studies, that we much commend. One marked and most excellent quality in this teacher, was her habit of order and of neatness in all that pertained to the school-room. No word failed in distinct enunciation, when she spoke to her pupils ; each book and cap had its place. There was an exactness, almost a military precision in the movements of the classes, that secured promptness, quiet and efficiency. The effect of all which is to make scholars orderly and systematic, and so, when adults, exact business men and neat housekeepers.

WINTER SCHOOL, PRIMARY—Miss A. M. Eaton, of Needham, Teacher.

Thirteen weeks of hard labor, with thirty-two pupils, is the brief history of this School. The Committee were most happy to welcome to it again a well known and well approved teacher. Her presence in a school is an end of fears and a guarantee of success. To say that she did well is but to repeat a truth of former years. To say that she never did as well, is the least that your Committee can report. Miss Eaton is a progressive teacher, who cannot "let well enough alone," while it is evident that she can make it better. But we regret to say that our gain in her success is also our loss ; for she having expended the labor of two terms on one, we must now lose her services while she rests. We praise her little flock for their obedience and affection to her, for their studiousness and for their deep interest in a good education.

WINTER SCHOOL, UPPER—Mr. Albert Wood, of Northboro', Teacher.

Seventeen weeks, and thirty-three scholars. Mr. Wood is one of the laboring classes in the profession of teaching. If he is ever caught napping, it is not in the school room: and if any of his pupils sleep, it must be a disturbed slumber. We like much his animation, and even prefer its excess sometimes, to the want of it in others. His scholars caught its spirit and have done remarkably well. Your Committee find much to commend; and very little, if any thing, to complain of in this School for the winter past. Could we insure as much for it another winter, we should feel relieved. Not that we fear for the scholars, but know not where we shall find so good a teacher for them. It is much to the credit of teacher, pupils and the District, that the School was lengthened four weeks by subscription.

THE PLAIN DIVISION.

SUMMER SCHOOL—Miss Emeline A. Shaw, of Walpole, N. H., Teacher.

The summer session of this School continued sixteen weeks; the number of pupils was forty-five. Miss Shaw brought to her aid in this work a good education, a pleasing manner, and tact in teaching and managing. The result, of course, was a good School. The scholars manifested interest and were generally studious, and the final examination was no slight credit to them and to their teacher. The Plain School has much material of the first quality in it, as both teachers for the year past have fully proved.

WINTER SCHOOL—Mr. Albert Palmer, of Candia, N. H., Teacher.

Time—seventeen weeks, and pupils, fifty-three. Mr. Palmer is an excellent teacher. He labored faithfully, constantly, and the Committee are most happy to add, very successfully. The scholars have shown more than ordinary

animation and interest in their studies and the examinations have been highly satisfactory. The School being large and ungraded, the labor of it was very severe for the teacher, and but for the courteous manners, kind feelings, and cheerful co-operation of the pupils, would have proved too much for him. We congratulate the School on its present high position.

The statute requires, at the hands of your Committee, a "detailed report" of the condition of each Public School in town, with such statements and suggestions, concerning these schools, as they may deem necessary or proper, to promote the general interest of the same.

Such detailed report we have now laid before you, with statements and suggestions touching each school, according to our best judgment.

We now propose to turn your attention to certain miscellaneous facts of a more general character, pertaining more or less to our schools as a whole.

As will be seen from the report now given in, the town has been unusually fortunate the year past in its teachers. While none of them have been perfect — and some better than others, and some less successful than they would have been elsewhere, had it been in the power of your Committee to assign them schools better suited to them — still, as a whole, the town has been highly favored in its board of teachers. For this, much praise is due to the district agents.

The schools have been very happy, too, in their government. This has been generally good. Nor has there been any turbulence or disorder, arising from ungoverned children, officious parents, or imprudent teachers, that called for the attention of your Committee. This speaks well. Sometimes a lad, training instead of being trained at home —

and one who is fast bringing father and mother to shame — finds his way into school, as a hornet among honey-bees. Sometimes a parent, outside the school-room — as blind to the character of a child as was the Patriarch, who could not tell Jacob from Esau — needs more discipline than the dear model of a boy inside, who reminds his teacher of Abel, by contrast. Sometimes we find in a district, one whose tongue is a sharp razor — smoother than butter and softer than oil — tattling and tale-bearing. Such an one knows more of evil in the School than any one can find, hears more than ever was spoken, speaks more than was ever heard — is a sort of self-appointed, vigilant, Imprudential Committee. Of all such trials, your Committee and Schools have known nothing the year past. We make these remarks now on the principle on which certain books are prepared, entitled "Every Man his own Doctor," designed to prevent sickness and forestall the necessity of calling a physician. In their government, your Committee have recommended, and your teachers have used the whip, moral suasion, with a birch snapper.

One essential in a good teacher is, that he be able to win the friendship and affection of his pupils. Of the desirable and kindly interest between the teachers and pupils, the past year, abundant evidence is furnished by the many and valuable presents that the scholars have bestowed on those who have labored so faithfully for them. Tokens of friendship and gratitude, to the value of more than fifty dollars, have thus been given. These heart-offerings are a praise alike to teacher and pupil.

In matters of a general nature, pertaining to the interests of the schools, your Committee find much occasion to rejoice in the increased attendance of parents and friends at the examinations, and at other times. It is an index of good. At several of the final examinations, the school-rooms have been crowded. Such attentions are due to

scholars and teachers, while they aid essentially in promoting the interests of the school. We moreover commend teachers and pupils for visiting the different schools, thus giving and receiving a wholesome stimulus.

Your Committee cannot speak too highly of the policy of retaining, as far as possible, those teachers who have proved their adaptation to a school by eminent success. Frequent changes subject the school to a series of discouraging beginnings. Three months scarcely serve to form the mutual acquaintance necessary between parents, pupils and teacher, that a school may be profitable. Indeed, a poor teacher retained, will often do more for a school than a good, yet new one. Now that the district system is abolished, we look for much improvement in this respect.

Your Committee would call attention to the School accommodations on the west side of the town. The number of scholars in attendance at the Public Schools in the North and West Division last summer was 130. To these should be added 25 more from these two divisions who were at the same time attending a private school. These added to the above, make 155 on the West, who wanted accommodations for Summer School. Divided between two Schools, as they must be in the Town's provision for them, they make 77 scholars for each teacher. Your Committee would therefore recommend to the Town such arrangements as will secure *a third* Primary School somewhere between the West and the North. By so doing, each of these now cumbersome Summer Schools will be reduced to fifty scholars each, a number even then *larger by six than the average number in the four Schools* kept in the *East* part of the Town last summer.

Your Committee do the more cordially recommend such arrangements, since they foresee that during the present season there will be an addition of twenty or more families to this section of the Town, thereby much increasing the

number of scholars for the next Winter School. Your Committee, moreover, beg leave to say that they would recommend only a Primary School, to be taught by a lady, who shall take scholars under ten years, leaving all over that age to attend where they now attend, so the Upper Winter Schools in the North and West will not be injured. Your Committee are persuaded that such arrangement would be preferable to putting two female teachers into the North School and two into the West, for the ensuing summer — an alternative toward which, circumstances and appearances now point. For to divide 155 pupils between two teachers and give them *seventy-seven a-piece*, with the idea that those children will be having good school advantages, is preposterous. The Table annexed will give a full view under this head.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

OF THE

SCHOLARS, SCHOOLS, MONIES, &C., IN EAST AND WEST PARISHES.

	No. Scholars Sum'r Sch'l.	No. of Schools in Summer.	Average of Scholars each School, Summ'r	No. of weeks' Schooling, Sum'r.	Money raised for schools, tax, 1853	Money app't'd, '53.
East Parish.	179	4	44	61	$658	965 87
West Parish.	155	2	77	34	942	721 68

Your Committee congratulate the Town on the abolition of the District System. They are pleased to see with what unanimity the Town has taken the suggestions of the Secretary of the Board of Education, and the hint of the Legislature of 1852–3, and so have fallen in with the current of the Commonwealth on this question. We look for better days for our Schools under the new system, while we crave for the Superintending Committee, an indulgence due to those who are bringing into practice a system in which neither they nor the Town have had experience.

Your Committee have one question of no small importance that they would submit to the Town for consideration.

They would give no opinion, as they have formed none, but ask attention to the subject as one of vast interest. The question is this: Whether it would be good policy for the cause of Common School education in town to put all our schools, summer and winter, under the care of female teachers? Four facts induce your Committee to submit this question. *First*, — the tendency in the State, on this policy, as shown by statistics. In 1837, the number of male teachers in the Public Schools in the State was 2370, and the number of female teachers 3591. In 1853, the number of males was 2068 and the number of females 5007. By this it appears that since 1837, the number of male teachers has fallen off 302, while the number of female teachers has increased 1416. These facts, running through a series of sixteen years, would indicate that in the united wisdom of the friends of Common Schools in the State, it is good policy and increasing in practice to employ female rather than male teachers. *Second*, the experience of those towns that have put their Primary and Grammar Schools wholly under females, seems to be favorable to the policy in question. Committees, when this system is adopted for all schools but the High Schools, give testimony that females succeed better in teaching, and in imparting general interest, than the male teachers, while they are quite as successful in government. *Third:* The comparative expense of the two policies. We now pay our female teachers about twenty dollars per month, and our male teachers about forty dollars per month. Hence it will be seen, that with the same amount of money we could, with a female teacher, have about double the time for a school that we could have with a male teacher. *Fourth:* The adoption of the policy in question would remove one of the greatest evils that now afflicts our Common Schools. We refer to the change of teachers. If we employ male teachers a part of the year, then changes are inevitable and

annual — frequently semi-annual: and under the present arrangement, it must continue so to be until we make our schools annual, and so are able to employ male teachers in them through the year. But if we had only females as teachers, we could employ them for the same schools, summer and winter, and from year to year. There is a prominent objection to the policy submitted, based on the idea that females will not succeed so well in government. It is an objection worthy of consideration. Perhaps, after examination, it will be found that *knowledge* is the *power* that governs a school well. If this be so, the female stands an equal chance with the male, as competitor for the greater success in government. Moreover, it is whispered about, among the "weaker sex," that the ladies do have great influence over the most of the young gentlemen, and, indeed, over many not so young. That the gentlemen deny the soft impeachment, does not avail, reply the sex, since the perfection of government is so to govern a man as to leave him to think that he ever goes his own way. But this is a delicate question, and we forbear agitation. We only suggest, that if it be found true that woman has all this power over the adult, she is probably capable of managing all girls and lads of fifteen years, and under, in our schools. We pass the whole topic, our wish being only to turn your inquiries and thoughts toward it, as perhaps a policy desirable for our Common Schools.

Your Committee would remind the Town that we do not stand where we should, compared with other towns in the State, on the School question. According to the last returns, Needham is the thirteenth town in the County on amount of money raised per scholar; yet very few towns in Norfolk are better located for pecuniary thrift, under good policy, and hence very few who should more liberally patronize the cause of common education. Number thirteen among twenty-three towns, is far too low for us

On amount of money raised for each scholar, we stand among the towns in the State as the one hundred and ninth, having fallen eight since the last report. One hundred and eight towns ahead of us are too many — far too many. Needham ranks not where she should in the table of money per scholar. Three dollars and seventy-nine cents is not enough to expend in one year for the education of your son or daughter. Why, how many of you expend ten times that amount for cigars, tobacco, or a new variety of Suffolk pigs! Needham is said to lead the County in the show of swine at our County Fair. Suppose we seek the same prominence for our children. For how much is a Norfolk child better than a Suffolk pig! Nor are we able to comfort ourselves for our low grade on the ground that we have not as much wealth to raise school money as the towns above us. This view puts us in even a worse position. In the last report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, there is a gradation table, in which all the towns in the State are arranged according to the per centage of the school money on their taxable property and valuation. In this table, Needham has number one hundred and eighty-three. That is, one hundred and eighty-two raised more money per dollar on their valuation than we did. And even at this low grade, we are falling. We fell behind twenty towns from the preceding year. This ought not so to be. With two railroads cutting through the town, and a third piercing it from the capital — within ten miles of Boston, the Athens of America — within thirty-five minutes of State street — we ought to grade differently on the School question. We ought to raise more on our taxable property. Needham has more intrinsic value than she brings to the surface and to the market. A more liberal policy toward our schools — making them more inviting to settlers from abroad — would develop this hidden value of our town, as a town for residences. This would much en-

hance the taxable value of the Town, and so should we be still better able to endow our common schools, till at length they shall give to all the children of the Town all the facilities for acquiring an education, that all needed this side the college and professional school. In this line of policy, our educational and pecuniary interests coincide. More ideas and more dollars for Needham, lie in the same direction, at the same goal, and will be secured by one and the same effort — an attractive, serviceable, perfect Common School system.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. BARROWS,
D. KIMBALL,
NATHAN LONGFELLOW, } *Committee.*

Needham, April 3, 1854.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR 1854-5.

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REPORT.

Having performed their duty in relation to our Public Schools for the year 1854–5, the Superintending Committee respectfully present to the Town their Annual Report.

The office of School Committee, however light some may consider its requirements, is far from a sinecure office. Its faithful discharge requires much time, action and deliberation. As the importance of the improved and improving character of our Schools is felt and acknowledged by intelligent citizens, and as more thoroughness in their instruction and more judiciousness in their discipline are desired and appreciated, so your Committee find proportional increase of duty and responsibility.

In the changes and improvements of this age of enterprise and experiment, Common School Education, as it justly demands, is receiving an increased share of public consideration and patronage. Increased and increasing efforts for raising the character of the Public Schools are operating extensively for inducing higher qualifications in the character of teachers. And the character of teachers of both sexes, in part, we cannot doubt, by means of Normal Schools, of Teachers' Institutes, and other Seminaries for educating teachers, has been much raised since the time when many of us graduated at the Public Schools. In modes of discipline, in attention to order, arrangement,

classification, mental and moral development, much improvement has been effected. The qualifications of acceptable teachers, not many years ago, would be quite incompetent to meet the just demands of the Schools to-day. Cheapness is far less esteemed now than formerly among high qualifications of teachers. And many of the School Committees, of a few years ago, would be quite unprepared to pass correct judgment, by the best examination they could give of the fitness of candidates, male or female, for instructors of Common Schools to-day.

The Committee, in this connection, have the pleasure to state to the Town, that they have seldom, if ever, known a year to pass with so few complaints respecting the Schools from parents or teachers, as the year just closed. Seldom, if ever, before, have we had for our teachers, collectively considered, those so well qualified, as our teachers for the past year. Seldom, if ever, have we witnessed a result so satisfactory in relation to the order, discipline, study and deportment of the Schools. In these respects both teachers and scholars, generally, deserve commendation.

The Committee, as authorized by the Town, established two Schools, one in the north-west corner of the Town, Miss Hannah J. Ware, of Needham, Teacher for Summer. Number of scholars, 26. Miss Martha A. Mansfield, of Needham, for Winter. Number of scholars, 28. Miss Ware's management and improvement of the School met the approval of the Committee. She made a good beginning, and, at the close, left a fair impression in favor of teacher and scholars. Miss Mansfield's efforts to secure attention, and to advance the scholars in their several studies, were very successful, and her order, arrangement, and manner of conducting recitations, could hardly be improved. Considering the accommodations in progress for other Divisions of the Town, the Committee think the North-West Division fully justifiable for presenting and

urging their claim for better accommodations. Why not grant to the people in that locality what, with no better claim, we have granted to others?

The other School established by the Committee was at Grantville, Miss Caroline L. Kingsbury, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 29. She manifested no want of interest and effort for the scholars' improvement. In comparing the School at its commencement and closing examination, there was evidence of fair advance, which would doubtless have been greater had better accommodations been afforded. That inconvenience will not probably be again experienced.

South Division for Summer, Misses C. E. Morse, of Weston, and H. M. Macreading, of Newton, Teachers. Number of scholars, 40. The School was not suited to Miss Morse's temperament and general character. The scholars took advantage of her mild disposition in so far that she could not maintain the order and attention to study indispensable to the improvement that pays for what it costs. The Committee regret the necessity of supplying her place by another teacher. Miss Macreading was employed for that purpose. With apparent ease, and without severe measures, she brought the School to proper subordination and attention to study. The change in the character of the School showed the importance of adaptation of teacher to scholars.

For Winter, Mr. Solomon Flagg, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 40. His services in that capacity for many successive seasons, and in different parts of the Town, have been proved and approved. While teaching, he has not failed to be a learner. So should it be with all our teachers. The Committee think that Mr. Flagg never labored in School with better effect, than during the term just closed.

West Division, Summer, Miss Elizabeth Kent, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 60. Her services

were successful, and the Committee manifested their approval of them by engaging her to take charge of the Primary Winter Department, in which she was equally successful and approved.

Upper Department, Mr. D. Gage, of New Salem, N. H., Teacher. Number of scholars, 31. This was his third Winter in that School. Their intermediate visits and last examination of the School gave evidence to the Committee and to that Division, that Mr. Gage has qualities fiting him for a permanent educator of the young. The progress and condition of the School were entirely satisfactory.

East Division, Summer, Miss Harriet E. Sawyer, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 43. That School has not stood high in the common branches of study. The scholars are of very miscellaneous character, and the order, discipline and modes of instruction have sometimes been—not of superior quality. But there is always in that School a portion of well-disposed and well-improved scholars. The Committee marked with pleasure its management and improvement under Miss Sawyer's care.

Winter, Mr. George Mansfield, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 43. Mr. Mansfield was successful as teacher and disciplinarian. He did not disappoint our impression of his ability to govern and instruct the School judiciously and successfully, and the Committee think that the outlay for his services did not exceed their value.

North Division, Summer, Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 53. They were, generally, well disposed for study and correct deportment. The School gave evidence that the teacher's interest and efforts for sustaining its previous good character had the desired effect. The Committee engaged her for the Winter Primary School. Number of scholars, 45. That School was an interesting one. The scholars did credit to their teacher by their good behavior and improvement

in their studies, as they appeared at their separate visits and when examined at the close of the School. The school room needs to be much enlarged.

Upper Department, Winter, Mr. D. D. Patten, of Candia, N. H., Teacher. Number of scholars, 39. Mr. Patten has been well approved in that School for the last three Winters, and he has risen in public estimation with each successive Winter. He furnishes one of many instances in proof of the benefit of retaining good teachers in the same Schools. The School did itself and the teacher much credit during the term and at the final examination, which was numerously attended.

Centre Division, Summer, Miss Lucy A. May, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 64. The School, consisting of so many in every stage of instruction, from alphabet to algebra, required much care and discrimination in the teacher to arrange and classify it in such manner as to give to each scholar a due portion of time and attention. The Committee were pleased with the order and arrangement of the School, with the manner of conducting recitations without confinement to text books, and with the evidence of good study and instruction manifested by the examination at its close. They engaged Miss May for the Primary Winter School, and her services in that department justly received, as in the Summer School, the Committee's approval and commendation.

Upper Department, Mr. A. E. Winchelle, of Great Barrington, Teacher. Number of scholars, 39. Mr. Winchelle's intellectual and moral qualities admirably fit him for improving the intellect and morals of children and youth. His manner was affable and attractive; his discipline mild, yet effective. The scholars at the separate visits of the Committee and at the last examination, gave proof of correct and thorough teaching. With Mr. Winchelle, and with all good teachers, it is not the *how much,* but *how well;* not the *quantity,* but the *quality* of study that makes the scholar.

Plain School, Summer, Miss Eliza E. Clement, of Vermont, Teacher. Number of scholars, 62. Miss Clement has very correct ideas of the care and attention suited to children in taking their first lessons at School, and she is well qualified to instruct scholars of advanced standing. The successful management and instruction of so many, rising gradually from ignorance of a, b, c, to respectable scholarship, required much care and labor, and she labored with good results.

Winter School, Mr. Albert Palmer, of Candia, N. H., Teacher. Number of scholars, 61. This was Mr. Palmer's second Winter in that School, and he exhibited the like activity, interest and effort in his work, as in the preceding Winter. The scholars, by correct deportment and attention to study, secured the good will of their teacher, and they gave him pleasing memorials of their respect and affection. The Committee and Plain Division were highly gratified with the School previously and at its closing examination. Better accommodations for so many scholars are much needed, and will be soon provided.

In the Statute of 1846 we have the following direction: "The School Committee shall annually make a detailed Report of the several Public Schools in their respective Towns and Cities, which Report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to such Schools as the Committee shall deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

The Committee have the pleasure to state that they have had more than usual gratification in visiting the Schools for the last year, in marking evidence of improvement in teaching, in order, in discipline, in study, in conducting recitations, in calling into exercise the reasoning faculties.

Within few years much has been gained in the Public Schools by changing the once frequent use of the rod, the ferule, and other unwise and offensive disciplinary applian-

ces, for the language of persuasion and parental kindness; and hence, fear and dread have been changed for love and respect of teacher and school room. Our Schools have experienced, in good measure, the benefit of this change.

Much has been gained in the art and method of teaching since most of us left the Common School. The *memory* was once considered the chief faculty in forming the basis of scholarship. It has been, generally, too much employed in a service more properly required of the reasoning powers. It is not satisfactory to well-taught teachers of to-day to receive from their scholars mere repetition of words, of rules, and answers to questions, as they may stand in text books. They require the expression of intelligent thoughts, the practical application of rules, questions to be understood and illustrated. And such has been a good proportion of our teachers for the past year. It was pleasing to see so many of them conduct their daily exercises and public examinations so free from servile dependence on text books.

The character of teachers and schools has received great improvement under patronage of the Legislature, from the Board of Education, and Normal Schools. The Normal Schools and Normal Scholars have had much influence on other institutions and on other scholars, by the introduction of similar modes of instructing. In speaking on this subject, Governor Boutwell says: "We have great faith that the Normal system, in itself and its connections, will be extended till every school is supplied with a Normal Teacher." Of the general prevalence of the Normal system of teaching we have no doubt. There were, in *fact,* Normal Teachers before Normal Schools were established; teachers who managed and instructed their scholars on the principles of those schools.

Too many engage in the teacher's profession with very imperfect qualifications. There are not a few now employed as teachers, who would do well to retire from the

work for a time and spend a year or two at a Normal School, or a Seminary founded on Normal principles, the leading purpose of such establishments being to give instruction in the *art* of teaching; of *qualifying* teachers in the art of arranging, governing and instructing Common Schools most judiciously and most effectively. And there are those who, after instructing for a time, have retired from the employment and entered, as scholars, the Normal Schools, or put themselves under direct Normal influences. For this we commend them. Their example might often be wisely and advantageously followed.

Special preparation is requisite to attain excellence in any art or profession. To quote from a work of high authority: "It is too late to say that those who have been trained at a Normal School can not teach better than those who have taken no special pains, and have incurred no expense to prepare themselves for their work." "We may as well say that a young man will succeed well in any art or trade without serving an apprenticeship with some skilful mechanic, or that a professional man will succeed in his profession without any special previous instruction, as that a young person, without special training, will make as good a teacher as one that has spent a year at a Normal School." To young persons in this Town who intend to become teachers, and there are in our schools fit subjects, male and female, for teachers, the Committee would recommend preparatory instructions at Normal Schools, or at Seminaries under Normal rules and instructions. Higher qualifications, in many teachers, and more thorough teaching, are necessary to raise Common Schools to their desired elevation.

The Town evidently feels a deep, an increasing interest in the Schools. The addition of five hundred dollars the last year, to the sum raised at any preceeding year, for the support of Schools, is creditable to the Town; and two houses in process of erection, with a third called

for, for the Schools' better accommodation, indicate the Town's interest and liberality. We regret that our local condition is unfavorable, at present, for the establishment of a Central High School, and that some of our schools can not yet be graded, for we are aware that graded schools have incalculable advantage over crowded schools, with scholars varying in age from four to seventeen or eighteen years.

We would gladly see our schools raised above their present condition. We would have the Public in no wise inferior to the Private Schools. They, like the Normal and Teachers' Institutes, are strictly schools for the people. They are suited to the Democratic, the Republican nature of our Government. They are gradually superseding the Private Schools. This is an interesting fact. We think with Mr. Hillard, that "The children of the more favored and less favored classes should attend, for a time, the same schools. A man can not but feel a lifelong kindliness of heart toward one with whom, when both were boys, he sat upon the same bench, and learned the same lessons. That this good result should be obtained, it is requisite that the school should be of such excellence that the more favored classes should be willing to send their children to them." And President Everett says, "The great merit of our Common School system is, that it is a public provision for the education of all the children."

It would be agreeable to your Committee and beneficial to the Schools, if ways and means could be provided to have them all annuals, with two to three months of vacation. Could females take charge of them through the year, as they receive much smaller salaries than men, this might be effected. But for such a measure we are not yet prepared. In the Winter large boys are very liable to be troublesome to female teachers, unwilling to be controlled and instructed by them.

Most of our female teachers for the past year were of

our own Town. In Summer, six of the eight Schools, and in Winter, the four Primary Schools, had our own female teachers. To the Committee, and, we doubt not, to the Town, this is a grateful consideration. And in case of more applicants for the Schools than a supply for the demand, provided their qualifications are equal, the Committee would give preference to those of our own Town.

It is sometimes said that teachers of moderate qualifications are competent and well-suited for instructing young children and backward Schools. Now this is wrong. Much, very much is dependent, in scholarship and character, on beginning right; on the first lessons at home and in the Primary school room. The teachers of such Schools should know something of the nature, of the capacities and wants of young children, and how to adapt their instructions to them. The Primary Schools, in our opinion, require teachers of high qualifications.

Too much time and money are lost by absence from School. In the loss of twenty or twenty-five per cent. of time by absence, the same proportion of the two thousand dollars raised for the support of our Schools is lost. Many days of absence by sickness and other causes, during the year, could not, of course, be prevented; and many of the scholars deserve much credit for punctuality. But far too many absences were occasioned, no doubt, by want of interest, by carelessness, and some, we fear, by playing truant. Great efforts should be made to induce constant and punctual attendance; united efforts of parents, scholars, and teachers. The Committee would gladly see the School Registers with the number of absence and tardy marks greatly reduced.

For the past year the Committee have had no formal complaint in regard to the instruction and management of the Schools, and they are happy in the belief that there has been no just occasion of complaint. It is the indispensable duty of parents and of all others who, at any time,

have, or think they have, cause of disaffection and complaint, ingenuously to communicate with teachers and the Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining truth and detecting falsehood. Much evil may sometimes be stayed, and much good sometimes result, from such procedure. By a contrary course, many a teacher of great merit has had abundant cause of complaint, and many a School has experienced great, but needless, injury.

The Committee are desirous of carrying out, as nearly as they are able, the Republican principle of giving to all the children and youth equal advantages of education. Perfect equality in this regard, they know, is impossible. They have considered the most equitable mode of distributing the money appropriated for schools, to make them all, with a very small fractional difference, of equal length. The abolition of the Districting System in the Town, which we trust will ere long be a law of the State, is favorable to that object.

Abstract of statistics relating to the Public Schools for the past year:

Number of Towns in the State, - - -	328
" " Public Schools, - - - -	4,163
" " Children between 5 and 15 years,	206,625
" " Scholars, of all ages, in Summer,	186,628
" " " " " Winter,	199,447
" " Teachers in Summer, M. 374, F. 4172,	4,546
" " " " Winter, M. 1840, F. 2891,	4,731
Decrease of Male Teachers in Winter, -	131
Increase of Female " " -	178
Amount of money raised by tax for Public Schools, for instruction, board and fuel, -	$1,013,472
Per centage of attendance in all the P. Schools,	72
Our number of children between 5 and 15 years,	416
In the table of Towns for education, per child, in State, we stand, - - - - -	111
In the table of Towns for education, per child, in County, we stand, - - - -	14
For per centage on taxable property in State, we stand, - - - - - -	167

For per centage on taxable property, in County, we stand, - - - - - - - 14

For average attendance at School in State, we stand, - - - - - - - - 212

For average attendance at School in County, we stand, - - - - - - - - 17

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. KIMBALL,
N. LONGFELLOW, } *School Committee.*
W. BARROWS,

NEEDHAM, April 17, 1855.

AN ACCOUNT

—OF THE—

Receipts and Expenditures,

—AND REPORT OF THE—

GEN. SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE TOWN OF—

NEEDHAM,

From April 1st, 1855, to April 1st, 1856.

WALTHAM:
PRESS OF JOSIAH HASTINGS
1856.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

Paid Wm. D. Woodcock for support of his mother,	3	25
" N. Burroughs, ser. rendered Simeon Fuller during sickness,	9	54
" Reuben Hurd, supplies furnished do do	14	92
" Otis Sawyer for cash paid for do dd	4	00
" Wm. D. Woodcock for support of his mother,	6	50
" Town of Chelsea, assistance rend. family of G. H. Bodge,	20	00
" City of Boston, assistance rend. Martha Jackson, 1853-4-5,	19	25
" Wm. D. Woodcock for support of his mother,	3	25
" Wm. Flagg for supplies furnished Prince Hill and family in Jan. and Feb. 1856,	30	93
" E. Peabody for supplies for John White, Mrs. Cunningham, and expenses of conveyance of E. Smith from Milford to Needham,	12	06
" Town of Malden for supplies furnished Nahum Hunting and family,	6	50
" Reuel Ware for wood furnished Mrs. Cunningham,	4	00
" Geo. E. Eaton, cash paid and ser. rend. at death and burial of Jas. Staples,	12	00
" Rachel Alden, attending Jas. Staples in his last sickness,	50	00
" George Jennings for coffin, grave clothes and funeral expenses for Eliza M. Hill,	13	25
" A. J. Allen for house rent for Mrs. Cunningham 15 weeks,	7	50
	216	95

Support of Schools.

North School.

Paid Geo. K. Daniell for cleaning two clocks in North Schoolhouse,	1	00
" L. A. Kingsbury for wood furnished,	37	66
" Ebenezer Smith for sawing, splitting and piling wood and cleaning Schoolhouse,	10	18
" Charlotte M. Sawyer for services as teacher 16 weeks,	80	00
" A. E. Winchell for ser. as teacher and incidentals 3 1-2 mos.,	150	00
" Mary J. Kingsbury for services as teacher 14 weeks,	70	00
" H. L. Howe for 4 feet of wood,	2	50
	351	34

East School.

Paid Reuben Hurd for wood furnished, sawing and splitting same,	19	99
" Mary J. Kingsbury for services as teacher 20 weeks,	100	00
" Henry F. C. Nichols do do 3 mos. ending Feb. 22d, 1856,	120	00
	239	99

Great Plain School.

Paid Geo. G. Stevens, wood furnished, sawing and splitting same,	35	50
" Lucy A. May for services as teacher 30 weeks,	150	00
" Albert Palmer do do 14 do	147	00
" G. G. Stevens, making fires and taking care of Schoolhouse,	7	15
" " " wood and sawing the same,	10	63
	350	00

Centre School.

Paid Daniel Kimball for furnishing wood, sawing, splitting and piling same, cleaning and sweeping Schoolhouse, furnishing duster, broom, chalk, and making fires,	25	47
" Almira Chamberlin for services as teacher 10 weeks,	50	00
" A. M. Eaton do do 16 do	80	00
" Alanson Palmer do do 4 months,	160	00
	315	47

South School.

Paid Lewis Sumner for furnishing brooms, dipper, repairing Schoolhouse, furnishing wood and sawing same, 1854,	22	15
" Caroline M. Flagg for services as teacher 16 weeks,	80	00
" Thos. H. Barr, furnishing wood, sawing and splitting same,	24	75
" Solomon Flagg for services as teacher 3 1-2 months,	147	00
" " " for cash paid Geo. Hank for making fires,	3	50
" T. H. Barr for wood, pail, broom, chalk and dipper,	1	55
	278	95

West School.

Paid Daniel Morse, furnishing wood, sawing and splitting same,	31	00
" Harriet E. Sawyer for services as teacher 16 weeks,	80	00
" Martha A. Mansfield do do 12 2-5 do	52	50
" G. W. Mansfield do do 3 1-2 months,	147	00
" E. Wood & D. Morse for making fires and sweeping house,	6	24
" G. W. Mansfield for box of Crayons,		75
	317	49

North-West School.

Paid Marion Kingsbury for services as teacher 20 weeks,	100	00
" O. L. Omstead, do do 10 do	50	00
" " " for travelling expenses,	3	00
" " " for making fires and sweeping room,	1	67
	154	67

Grantville School.

Paid Albert Fuller for sweeping schoolroom 14 weeks in 1854,	2	33
" L. A. Kingsbury for furnishing wood,	21	00
" William Pierce do do	6	62
" Elizabeth Kent for services as teacher 30 weeks,	150	00
	179	95

Necessary Town Charges.

Paid Robert Mansfield, rent of room for N.W. School 16 weeks,	16	00
" Franklin Stevens, clearing snow from roads,	2	00
" Nathan Longfellow, services as Superintending School Com.,	25	50
" Daniel Kimball, repairs on Centre Schoolhouse,	2	96
" " " do Plain do	5	50
" " " services as Superintending School Com.,	30	00
" G. F. Darling, highway levelling scraper,	5	00
" E. Peabody, distributing notices for March meeting,	6	00
" Gardner & Fuller in part for build'g. Grantville Schoolhouse,	400	00
" Geo. Hank, sweeping and making fires South School 1854–5,	3	50
" Hanan Hunting, services of Enginemen at N. U. Falls,	25	00
" T. N. Smith second payment on contract for building Plain Schoolhouse,	500	00
" Commonwealth of Mass. 6 mos. int. ending Apr. 8, 1855,	150	00
" Geo. Jennings, cash paid for Stationery for Assessors,	32	90
" Joseph Garrett, furnishing stock, making posts for railing, and ironing scrapers,	28	05
" Jonathan Fuller, labor and materials to paint Cellar, and building foundation for privy at Grantville Schoolhouse, furnishing 30 stone monuments for Hunnewell and J. Fuller roads, and setting same,	44	16
" Granville Fuller, furnishing and sawing lumber for T. Pound,	10	13
" Jonathan Fuller, labor and cash paid for materials for railing at bridge near Henry Wood's,	40	47
" Robert Mansfield, labor and materials to prepare room for North-west School,	14	04
" John Mansfield, services as com. on building Schoolhouses in 1854, do on Highways, do settling with Treasurer, and other services,	6	00
" Gardner & Fuller, bal. for building Grantville Schoolhouse,	1147	00
" Otis Sawyer, cash paid for locks, hinges and nails for Town Pound,	4	25
" Abijah Greenwood, services as com. on A. Holt's order, and labor on Town Pound and Upper Falls Bridge,	6	87

Paid Otis Sawyer, labor and materials on Town Pound, roads and Bridges, services as Committee, and attendance at Dedham Court,	54	50
" John Mills, services on Committees investigating affairs at Almshouse, Elisha Lyon's claim, and on road,	5	50
" B. F. Reynolds, cementing cellar at Grantville Schoolhouse,	20	50
" F. A. Wales, furnishing Pump for Grantville Schoolhouse,	20	75
" James T. Wright, services of Enginemen at Lower Falls,	50	00
" Amos Webster, abatement of tax on personal property,		96
" Estate of Dexter Ware, do do	1	92
" Mitchell Vizna, do do	4	80
" E. H. Lyon, do do	2	88
" Bill Burrill, do do	3	84
" William Jones, labor on road opposite residence of Artemas Newell, and building vault at Plain Schoolhouse,	33	00
" Chas. Rice Jr., furnishing lumber for bridges and railing,	40	85
" E. C. Jenkins, return of 7 deaths to Town Clerk,		70
" John M. Phail, furnishing woodwork for 3 road Scrapers,	11	00
" Jonathan Fuller, services attending Courts, examining roads and bridges, apportioning Highway moneys, furnishing Posts, labor and other services,	29	92
" T. N. Smith, balance of contract, extras, build. Plain S.,	881	00
" George Jennings, insurance on Grantville Schoolhouse,	18	40
" Heirs of C. McIntosh, abatement of tax on pers. prop.,	1	92
" William Hurd, do do do		96
" George Jennings, abatement of Poll taxes to J. Mitchell, J. Cary, H. Kay, and J. Gillow, they being ill. taxed,	6	00
" L. Kingsbury, G. K. Daniel and G. Jennings, services making valuation, assessing taxes, taking census of scholars between 5 and 15 yrs, militia 1855, postage,	153	50
" Gardner & Fuller, extra labor and materials furnished at Grantville Schoolhouse,	94	00
" Joseph L. Ross, furnishing and placing furniture in Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	486	10
" Jonathan Fuller, building road at L. Falls as per contract,	400	00
" T. N. Smith, furnishing material and building fence around Schoolhouse lot at Plain as per contract,	161	00
" Joanna Ashby, abatement of tax on personal property,	4	80
" Isaac Ayling, do do income,	5	76
" George Jennings, abatement of Poll taxes to O. McKabe, E. Cary, M. Sullivan, D. Collins, F. Tolman, J. Fitzgerald and T. Murray, they being illegally taxed,	10	50

Paid George Jennings, insurance on Plain Schoolhouse,	23	80
" Kingsbury & Bowers, extra labor and material furnished at Plain Schoolhouse,	33	35
" Galen Orr, services examining bridges and roads, apportioning highway moneys, and cash paid for Stationery, and printing Notices,	23	37
" William Jones, balance for building road near residence of Daniel Kimball as per contract,	400	00
" George Jennings, abatement of Poll taxes to C. R. Campbell, A. Durvall, J. Kelley, P. Whalen, and S. Killpatrick, plea poverty or sickness,	7	50
" H. A. Blanchard, abatement of tax on pers. prop. 1853-4,	14	58
" Town Liquor Agent, furnishing supplies of Liquors, with incidental expenses,	249	58
" T. N. Smith, furnishing material and building 46 1-2 rods of fence around Grantville Schoolhouse, with extra labor making post holes,	224	69
" Ephraim Parker, grading and gravelling, building culverts, and abutment walls at Charles River, on Peirce road as per contract,	1500	00
" A. K. Howe, constructing half of bridge over Charles River on Peirce road,	312	37
" George W. Palmer, furnishing stoves, pipe and coal hods for Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	94	74
" Galen Orr, advertising and selling old Schoolhouse at Plain, and collecting proceeds of sale,	7	00
" William Flagg, services Com. on roads and A. Holt's order,	4	00
" Jonathan Fuller, furnishing material and building stone bridges on road leading from West Needham Depot to Charles River Village as per contract,	175	00
" Jonathan Fuller, furnishing materials and building bridge near Mrs. Tappan's residence,	24	00
" Jonathan Fuller, furnishing materials and building bridge near where Powder House formerly stood,	12	79
" John A. Griggs, services as Committee on roads,	1	00
" E. Peabody, repairing railing on bridges, cash paid for printing Town meeting notices and distributing same,	20	45
" George Jennings, cash paid for refreshments furnished Engine Companies, and incidental expenses at fire in West Needham, August 10th, 1855,	20	68
" Chas. Rice Jr., plank to repair Lower Falls Bridge,	50	73

Paid Alvan Fuller, damages awarded by Selectmen in 1853, for land taken to widen and straighten road leading from A. M'Cracken to J. Fuller's,	20 00
" Robert Mansfield, rent of Schoolroom for North-west School, summer and fall terms, 20 weeks,	20 00
" Brackett Lord, survey and plan of Hunnewell road across Parish land,	11 00
" Charlotte Sawyer, Administratrix, services of Otis Sawyer as Com. on building Plain and Grantville Schoolh.,	26 00
" Jonathan Fuller, services as Selectman in meeting Commissioners on road, and cash paid for painting road scrapers,	20 55
" Jonathan Fuller, cash paid Granville Fuller for lumber furnished for Lyon's Bridge, and labor repairing same, also cash paid for repairing West Schoolhouse,	78 79
" Damrell and Moore, printing 50 copies of Voting List,	7 00
" Joseph L. Ross, furnishing furniture for West School,	52 00
" " " do do Plain do	8 00
" John A. Griggs, blasting rocks on Plain Brook road as per agreement,	10 00
" Galen Orr, services as Selectman on roads and bridges, and cash paid for printing bills,	8 50
" Augustus Eaton, labor and materials on Plain Schoolhouse,	23 97
" P. A. Wales, constructing and placing two pumps at Plain Schoolhouse,	43 50
" George W. Palmer, lead pipe and strainer for sink at Plain Schoolhouse,	1 50
" George Howland, railroad freight of Schoolhouse furniture and three chairs for Plain Schoolhouse,	11 13
" Hezekiah Fuller Jr., labor and materials on Grantville, North and West Schoolhouses, and labor on L. Falls Bridge,	20 57
" William Jones, making well seven feet deeper and cementing cellar at Plain Schoolhouse,	42 50
" William Barrows, services as Superintending School Com. to Nov. 10th, 1855,	25 35
" Reuben Hurd, furnishing brooms and repairing East Sc.,	3 67
" George G. Stevens, services as Com. on roads, furnishing brooms and pail, and cleaning Plain Schoolhouse,	7 60
" Daniel Morse, furnishing material and labor on West Schoolhouse, and returns of 14 deaths made to Town Clerk in 1850,	13 57

Paid Abijah Greenwood, labor on Plain Schoolhouse, and services as Com. on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	29	79
" George Howland, services as Com. on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	20	00
" Henry Robinson, painting Blackboards and glazing in North Schoolhouse, and services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	16	22
" Otis Alden, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	5	00
" William Pierce, services as Committee on Highway and straightening road near Reynolds estate,	6	00
" Reuben Ware, services as Committee on J. Carter's road, E. Lyon's claim, and appraising at Almshouse,	7	50
" Reuben Ware, labor and services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	38	50
" S. G. Williams, freight on furniture for Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses, and furnishing 4000 lbs. Coal for Almshouse,	26	00
" Joseph E. Cousins, abatement on Real estate tax,	9	60
" Moses Winch, do do Personal do		48
" Samuel E. Brown, do do Real estate do	1	92
" H. L. Stone & J. W. Shaw do do do	1	92
" George Jennings, abatement of Poll tax to Wm. Dewing, Jonathan Kingsbury 2d, and Personal tax of Harriet E. McIntosh, they being illegally taxed,	7	80
" Jonathan Avery, building Hunnewell road as per agree.,	350	00
" Charles Underwood, lowering well two feet at Grantville Schoolhouse,	4	00
" Solomon Flagg, services taking census of Town, copying and making return to Secretary of State,	60	00
" Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 months interest,	150	00
" George Jennings, serving Town Clerk's warrants, making and returning for use of Selectmen, schedules of names of persons who paid Poll taxes in Needham for A.D., 1855, making returns to Town Clerk of 18 deaths for 1855, and summoning the Representative elect to attend General Court,	19	62
" George Jennings, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses, viz: attending fourteen meetings of Committee, also two journeys to Boston and one to Dedham for the Com., including fares paid,	19	00

Paid George Jennings, abatement of Poll taxes to A. Adams, T. Kalkar, W. Kennison, J. Schults, S. Schouler, J. Twohig, J. Welch, G. Wermas, J. Donovan, C. F. Littleton, C. Mahony, C. H. Sprague, and G. True,	19 50
" George Jennings, 6 per cent. discount allowed, and 1 per cent. commission, on State, County and Town Taxes assessed in Needham for A.D., 1855, collected and paid by said Jennings, as directed by his warrant from the Assessors,	1102 90
" Thomas Kingsbury, services as Committee on Almshouse, J. H. Carter's road, and interest money,	3 40
" Seth Davis, services locating road, making plan and return thereof, near First Parish Meetinghouse, also of road near residence of Jonathan Fuller,	8 00
" Thomas Kingsbury, services as Treasurer,	50 00
" E. Peabody, cash paid for printing Town meeting notices and distributing same,	9 50
" Jonathan Fuller, services on road, running line on School lot, and cash paid for cutting wood on do,	9 25
" Robert Mansfield, rent of room for N.W. School 10 w.,	10 00
" Lewis Sumner, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	9 00
" Solomon Flagg, services as Town Clerk 1 year ending March 1st, 1856, taking census of births and recording same, also recording marriages and deaths and making return of same to Secretary of State, cash paid for books received,	32 55
" Augustus Fuller, removing and treading down snow in the West Centre Highway District,	87 49
" G. F. Darling, removing and treading down snow in the West Highway District,	95 00
" H. L. Howe, removing and treading down snow in the North Highway District,	111 98
" G. G. Stevens, removing and treading down snow in the G. Plain Highway District,	84 49
" John A. Griggs, removing and treading down snow in the L. South Highway District,	64 37
" A. B. Childs, removing and treading down snow in the N. West Highway District,	90 00
" William Peirce, removing and treading down snow in the U. South Highway District,	79 25

" Geo. O. Kingsbury, removing and treading down snow in the Upper Falls Highway District,	44 37
" E. Peabody, removing and treading down snow in the N. Centre Highway District,	46 45
" John Mills, removing and treading down snow in the Centre Highway District,	70 27
" H. L. Howe, work done at Grantville Schoolhouse,	3 12
" Franklin Stevens, services as Committee on Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	9 00
" Franklin Stevens, services taking care of Schoolroom, cash paid for Desk and setting glass in North-west section of the town,	6 19
" E. W. McIntosh, damage breaking harness on account of bad state of roads,	3 00
" William Pierce, drawing wood from School lot and running line,	3 75
" T. H. Barr, repairs on South Schoolhouse,	4 25
" E. Peabody, journey to Dedham, cash paid for printing Town Warrant and distributing same,	9 50
" Ralph Smith, treading down snow near his house,	2 00
	11,507 15

Paid the Town Liquor Agent, furnishing supplies of Liquors, with incidental expenses,	249 58
Received of the inhabitants,	130 38
Balance on hand,	119 20

Recapitulation.

Paid for Repairs of Highways,	1,300 00
" Support of Poor,	732 83
" Support of Schools,	2,188 14
" Necessary Town Charges,	11,507 15
	15,728 12
The Town raised by rate or tax,	15,614 17
Overlays on the grants,	141 54
	15,755 71

Appropriated the same as follows.

For Repairs of Highways,	1,300 00
" Support of Schools including $90 int. on School Fund,	2,100 00
" Support of Poor,	850 00
" Necessary charges,	9,700 00
" State Tax,	652 50
" County Tax,	1,011 67
	15,614 17

Building the Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses.

Paid Asa Kingsbury, for land for Plain Schoolhouse,	100 00
" T. N. Smith, making plan and writing specification for Plain Schoolhouse,	8 00
" Wm. Cooper, estimating on Grantville Schoolhouse,	5 00
" Wm. Jones, digging well at Plain Schoolhouse,	45 00
" John Shaw & H. L. Stone, land and digging cellar for Grantville Schoolhouse,	300 00
" T. N. Smith, first payment as per contract for building Plain Schoolhouse,	500 00
" Chas. Underwood, digging well, Grantville Schoolhouse,	42 50
" Gardner & Fuller, in part for building Grantville Schoolhouse,	400 00
" T. N. Smith, second payment for building Plain Schoolhouse,	500 00
" Gardner & Fuller, balance for building Grantville Schoolhouse,	1,147 00
" B. F. Reynolds, cementing cellar, Grantville Schoolhouse,	20 50
" F. A. Wales, Pump for Grantville Schoolhouse,	20 75
" T. N. Smith, balance of contract and extras for building Plain Schoolhouse,	881 00
" Gardner & Fuller, extra labor and material furnished at Grantville Schoolhouse,	94 00
" Joseph L. Ross, furnishing and placing furniture in Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	486 10
" T. N. Smith, furnishing material and building fence around Schoolhouse lot at Plain as per contract,	161 00
" Bowers & Kingsbury, extra labor and material furnished at Plain Schoolhouse,	33 35

Paid T. N. Smith, furnishing material and building 46 1-2 rods fence around Grantville Schoolhouse with extra labor making post holes,	224 69
" Geo. W. Palmer, furnishing stoves, pipe and coal hods for Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	94 74
" Charlotte Sawyer, Administratrix on Otis Sawyer's estate, for his services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	26 00
" Joseph L. Ross, furnishing furniture for Plain Schoolhouse,	8 00
" Augustus Eaton, labor and materials on Plain Schoolhouse,	23 97
" P. A. Wales, constructing and placing two pumps at Plain Schoolhouse,	43 50
" Geo. W. Palmer, lead pipe and strainer for sink at Plain Schoolhouse,	1 50
" George Howland, Railroad freight of Schoolhouse furniture and three chairs for Plain Schoolhouse,	11 13
" Wm. Jones, sinking well seven feet and cementing cellar at Plain Schoolhouse,	42 50
" Abijah Greenwood, labor on Plain Schoolhouse, also services as Committe on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	29 79
" Geo. Howland, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	20 00
" Henry Robinson, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	12 00
" Otis Alden, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	5 00
" Reuben Ware, labor and services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	38 50
" S. G. Williams, freight on furniture for Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	11 00
" Chas. Underwood, lowering well two feet at Grantville Schoolhouse,	4 00
" George Jennings, services as Committee on building Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	19 00
" Lewis Sumner, services as Committee on Plain and Grantville Schoolhouses,	9 00
	5,368 52

The following statistics of the Births, Marriages and Deaths, of Needham, are for the year 1855, as follows, viz.

Births in 1855.

The whole number was	70	Children of	American	parents	31
Males	39	do	Irish	do	33
Females	31	do	German	do	3
		do	English	do	2
		do	N. Scotian	do	1

Certificates of Marriage.

During the year 1855 there have been in Needham	- -	26
Where both parties belonged to Needham	13	
Where but one party	13	

Marriages.

There have been returned to the Town Clerk during the year 1855, 11 Certificates of Marriage.

Deaths.

There have been returned to the Town Clerk by Sextons and others, for the year 1855, in the whole 40.

Of the above deaths there were over 80 years	- - -		3
Between 70—80	6	Between 30—40	3
do 60—70	7	do 20—30	2
do 50—60	6	do 10—20	2
do 40—50	2	do 5—10	2
		Under 5	7

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALMSHOUSE INSTITUTION.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Amount of orders drawn for supplies and for Warden's services,	515 88	By Grain and Personal Property,	97 47
" Cash in hands of Warden as per report of last year,	49 42	" 118 meals furnished Town Officers and travellers,	19 67
" Rent of Farm,	300 00	" Use of Town Hall,	60 00
" Probable Tax,	30 00	" Work on road near Town House,	9 50
" Interest on Personal Property,	81 30	" Drilling and Blasting on Farm,	5 00
	976 60	" Labor on Roads and Bridges,	25 76
	292 88	" Warming and lighting Selectmen's Room and Town Hall,	6 00
Balance against the Institution,	683 72	" Cash on hand,	69 48
			292 88

The whole number of weeks' board at the Institution the past year is 727, which is a fraction over 93 cents per week.

Expense of Poor out of Almshouse, 216 95

GEO. K. DANIELL,
WM. PIERCE,
JAMES SMITH,
} *Committee.*

NEEDHAM, APRIL 7TH, 1856.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending Committee of our schools for the year 1855–6 have given as much time and attention to them as, in their opinion, their condition and the laws of the state require. —It now remains that they respectfully present to the town their Annual Report.

It is well that the people of the town generally feel an interest in the management and prosperity of the schools. The Committee have pleasure in perceiving an increased and increasing interest in this regard. It would be useful for the parents and friends of the scholars to visit the schools more; not only on the day of the closing examination, but at any part of each school term, and in rotation if they please, that they may learn by personal observation how the schools are conducted, how the children study and deport themselves, how laborious, and trying and responsible is the teacher's position. This would be pleasant and gratifying to teachers and scholars, and often satisfactory to parents and friends. It would sometimes prevent unkind feelings and remarks arising from misunderstandings and misrepresentations, which too often go from the schools and have a tendency to impair the reputation and usefulness of meritorious teachers. —The Committee are pleased to find by the registers that the schools have had an increase of visitors the past year over former years, and they are happy to state that they have heard scarce a word of complaint against teacher or scholar for the year.

The Committee's Reports, going over the same ground annually, as is required, and giving a just statement of the schools' character in their advancing, stationary or retrograde position, as is annually expected by the town, and as the state demands, are of course liable to become uninteresting. But however interesting or otherwise may be the report, the town is aware that the receiving of its portion of the State School Fund is dependent on our presenting the report.

It is the Committee's purpose to state to the town the character and condition of the schools with fairness and impartiality; to make no representation of teachers or scholars above or below their desert. And with much resemblance from year to year in the teachers' modes of instruction, in their order, arrangement and discipline, in the studies pursued, in the good and ill deportment, in the negligence and industry of the scholars, in the constant and punctual, or careless and tardy attendance at school, there is yet enough of difference, from year to year, to give a degree of interest to an annual statement from the Committee.

In our last year's report there are remarks and suggestions of practical character relative to the schools that may be read and might be written, the present season, quite as much to the purpose and with as much benefit as any thing that we can now offer.

That we may have good schools it is not enough that we provide for them well qualified teachers, and that the teachers exert their untiring and best efforts for the schools' improvement. —There is much diversity in the intellect, in the tendencies and susceptibilities of young children. There are many causes natural and adventitious of the difference in young children's characters. Home influences, the conduct and character of their associates and of those with whom they occasionally come in contact, with many seen and unseen circumstances are among the causes that operate on the characters of children, as members of a school, and consequently on the school's character.— Many a child has been influenced for lasting good or evil by hearing a word fitly or unfitly spoken, by listening to conversation and witnessing conduct at home and abroad, deserving censure or commendation, of highly injurious or highly beneficial tendency and influence. Though a well qualified and experienced teacher will often be successful in correcting early bad impressions and in strengthening early good impressions, yet while he labors with exemplary patience and perseverance in so good a cause, he may sometimes labor without desired success. —The best, the wisest, long-tried and experienced teachers cannot accomplish all that they desire in the work of their profes-

sion. In their arduous, important and responsible labors they need and deserve more kind and respectful consideration from the community than they sometimes experience. That our schools may have the degree of excellence at which we should aim, they must have the cordial and judicious co-operation of the Committee, the teachers, the schoolars and parents, with the town's liberal encouragement, patronage and pecuniary appropriations.

"There is among the people of the State," says the last Report of the Board of Education, "a universal interest which has been manifested in increased appropriations for the support of schools, in the erection of improved school-houses, and the demand for well qualified teachers." The State appropriations for the schools have been annually increased for several years past, and for the last year they have been more than $120,000 over the year next preceding. Needham deserves commendation for adding annually, the past three years, to the former grant for schools $500, and for erecting, the past year, two commodious school-houses. There is occasion for additional school accommodation, which, interested as the town is for this important department, will soon be responded to. A cheerful and full vote for liberal appropriations for supporting the schools is creditable to the character of a town, and the care and vigilance of parents and others which shall induce the children's constant and punctual attendance at the schools, sickness and other necessary causes not preventing, would be equally creditable.

Great loss in the State Educational Department, as appears in the Secretary's Report for the past year, is the cause of general complaint from every part of the State. We in common with many towns suffer in this regard. Our school registers have annually exhibited far too many proofs of absence and tardiness. —The average of the State for attendance 1854–5 was 74 per cent. Needham for the past year is about 70 per cent. Above us, by the State returns, are 182 towns; below us 149. We stand 16 below the average of towns. The lowest attendance in any town is .35. Let us compute the loss in money for Needham. Thirty per cent. on about $2200 is $660. Ten per cent., certainly not less, is lost to the schools by interrupting the order and regularity of class recitations, &c., by absence and tardiness

220+660=880 loss. Let it be understood that we have a goodly number of scholars of both sexes against whose names not a mark of absence or tardiness is found, and a goodly number more who deserve highly to be commended for successful efforts at punctual attendance; yet the registers testify of others that their days of absence and tardiness exceed the days of their prompt attendance. Now it is in the power of parents to correct or greatly to lessen this evil, and we would in all kindness urgently request parents, who may have been remiss in this very important concern, to take efficient measures to have their children henceforth among those against whose names on the registers a mark denoting absent or tardy shall not be found.

But it is time to give an account of the schools individually.

West School, summer, Miss Harriet E. Sawyer, teacher. She taught the East school the preceding summer, had the approval of the Committee, and gave satisfaction in a school rather difficult as to management and instruction. She was quite as acceptable in the West school, and the Committee unanimously requested her to take charge of the primary winter department, which she declined, prefering to take a winter's vacation.

Winter Primary, Miss Martha Mansfield, teacher. We had previous knowledge of her high qualifications as a teacher, and were not disappointed in the success of her efforts in the management and improvement of the school. Sickness obliged her to close the school before the end of the term for which she was engaged.

Winter Upper Department, Mr. George Mansfield, teacher.—He was successor to Mr. Gage, and it is speaking highly in his favor to say that the school under his care was not less progressive than under the care of his immediate predecessor.

North-West, summer term, Miss Marion Kingsbury, teacher.—Miss Kingsbury was mild in her character and discipline, and had good order and arrangement in the school. The Committee marked a fair degree of improvement in the scholars. A more energetic woman in the teacher might have excited a higher degree of interest in the scholars. The school closed with an agreeable examination.

Winter Term, Miss Olivia Olmstead, Connecticut. The scholars were very fortunate under the care and instruction of so competent and interesting a teacher. With a house affording the poorest school accommodations, by aid of a superior teacher, this was one of our best improved schools. A new house in that part of the town is greatly needed.

Grantville, Miss Elizabeth Kent, summer and winter. Miss Kent had been acceptable in the West school the preceding year, and the Committee, at her request, as she might then board at home, engaged her for the summer term, and at its close they re-engaged her for the winter. She made very justifiable exertion for the school's improvement and with manifest success.

East School, summer term, Miss M. J. Kingsbury. Her first school. The Committee were pleased with her examination before commencing her school, which was not one of the easiest to regulate or instruct. Some of the children were much disposed to be idle and disorderly. The attendance of the scholas was quite irregular. Too many marks for absence and tardiness appeared on the school register. We give the teacher credit for faithful efforts and for as much success in the improvement of the school, as we could reasonably anticipate.

Winter term, Mr. H. C. F. Nichols. The school was as irregular in attendance as in the summer term. Some of the scholars were absent one-half of the time, and quite a number were ill disposed to study or to orderly deportment. Mr. Nichols is a good teacher, and we are pleased to say that several of the scholars deserve a good share of credit for punctual attendance, for attention to study, and for correct deportment.

North summer term, Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer. She was teacher of the same school the preceding year, and was commended for her good services at its close. For the past summer she was equally successful. But her health having suffered by over exertion, she wisely declined further engagement.

Winter Primary, Miss M. J. Kingsbury. The school was an interesting one, and she was not less successful than the summer teacher in its management and instruction.

Winter Upper Department, Mr. A. E. Winchelle. The school has had good instructors for many successive seasons, and its previously good character was sustained under the discipline and instruction of Mr. Winchelle, teacher. To the Committee, and they do not doubt, to all concerned, the efforts of teacher and scholars were very satisfactory. A more commodious house is very desirable.

South School, summer, Miss Caroline Flagg. The teacher was young and this was her first school. She experienced some trouble from two or three parents, who charged her, in presence of her scholars, in rude and profane language, with using unjustifiable severity in disciplining her scholars. In examining the case the Committee did not find evidence of unjustifiable severity. She appeared to understand her rights and had spirit to maintain them. She used her best efforts for the school's improvement, and it closed with a pleasant examination.

Winter term, Mr. Solomon Flagg. He taught that school the preceding winter very satisfactorily, and he was not less successful the past winter. The Committee considered the school at its close in quite an advanced standing over its character at any former season, especially the male portion of the school.

Centre School, summer, Miss Almira Chamberlin, teacher.—She was a Normal scholar and taught on the Normal system.—Her efforts were strenuously exerted for the scholars' improvement. She was unfortunate in this regard, that with kindest feelings and best exertions, she could not secure due respect from many of the scholars; she had not power or tact to maintain the order and subordination, without which a school can be of little value. Miss Chamberlin furnishes proof that, though Normal scholars are generally, they are not always, successful teachers. Much, very much of a teacher's success, depends on the art and power of correct discipline. The Committee regretted the necessity of discontinuing her school, though with her approval, several weeks before the close of the term. An excellent teacher was selected to supply the place of Miss Chamberlin, who unfortunately was necessarily called home in a few days after taking charge of the school.

Winter Primary, Miss A. M. Eaton, teacher. She had previously been a very acceptable teacher in that school, for discipline

and instruction. The school which she found in great disorder, she brought into complete order, by mild measures, and she had an agreeable and well improved school. The Committee's and parents' good opinion of the teacher's qualifications was sustained by her general management and closing examination of the school.

Winter Upper Department, Mr. Alanson Palmer, teacher.—That school has been, for several successive winters, under good discipline and instruction. Mr. Palmer, though young, has a teacher's character, and he did a teacher's work. Thoroughness was manifested in his mode of teaching, and equally so in the exercises of his scholars. His services were satisfactory, we have no doubt, to all of the scholars' friends, as well as to the Committee. The school closed with an agreeable examination fully attended, and leaving a very good impression of the teacher's ability and fidelity, and of the scholars' industry and correct deportment.

Plain summer sc. & winter *Pri.*, Miss Lucy A. May, teacher. The scholars were very numerous and were as well regulated and taught as parents or Committee could reasonably expect or require. We had previous proof of Miss May's qualifications and success as teacher, and she lost nothing of the Committee's and parents' opinion by her management and instruction of the school, summer and winter terms.

Upper Department, winter, Mr. Albert Palmer, teacher. This was his third winter in that school. We had great improvement in the condition of the school from a new commodious schoolhouse and by separating the school into upper and lower winter departments. The school being divided and consequently the number of classes much diminished, the teacher had the means of giving more time and attention to each class, and of course of being more thorough in teaching and of having more thoroughness in his scholars. In full proportion to the lessening of the teacher's labor and trouble were the increased pleasure and profit of the school. No better school in the town in either department.

Our schools were increased the past year in number without additional appropriation of means for their support. They were

too short, thirty weeks only. It seems desirable to add six or eight to that number of weeks. This cannot be done without larger appropriation of money or change of teachers. We do not pay too high wages to our teachers. The employment of females for all of our winter schools, as they are not in receipt of as high wages as males, would enable us to lengthen our schools at pleasure. There are, we know, very successful female teachers of schools much above those of our highest order. —But the town is not yet prepared for the change suggested.— Changes are made and preparing to be made in that regard, by aid of male and female institutions for educational purposes, especially for qualifying teachers of both sexes for instructing schools of the highest grades.

Our closing examinations were well attended and were very creditable to teachers and scholars. We had specimens of composition, declamation and singing of highly commendatory character, and it was very pleasant to see so many valuable presents from scholars to their teachers.

We had, as before remarked, good teachers for the year. But with the best teachers the work of education must be advanced by slow degrees. Sufficient attention is too rarely given to instruction in the elements of learning. Children should not be required nor permitted to go over their reading lessons or any of their studies faster than they can understand them, and too much care cannot be given for adapting the kind and quality of study to the character and capacity of children.

We close with a single remark; we want, for the benefit of our schools, teachers of social and courteous manners, free from every repulsive habit, distinguished for intellectual and moral worth, and parents who by home regulations and conduct shall aid in promoting the teachers' best efforts for the schools' improvement, with the town's cheerful vote indicating the opinion that a large appropriation of money for the support of schools is true economy and a safe investment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. KIMBALL,
N. LONGFELLOW, } *School Committee.*

NEEDHAM, APRIL, 1856.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

AND REPORT OF THE

GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1857.

DEDHAM:
PRINTED BY COX & HUTCHINS.
1857.

NEEDHAM, MARCH 3d, 1856. The Town voted that the Clerk prepare, and cause to be printed, a Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, for the financial year ending March 31st, 1856, and every year hereafter until otherwise voted.

REPORT.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

Paid H. L. Howe for labor on Highways as per bill,..... $307 00

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid Ezekiel Peabody for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 111 96

WEST DISTRICT.

Paid Solomon Flagg for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 265 00

NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

Paid A. B. Childs for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 60 00

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid Dexter Kingsbury for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 125 00

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Paid William Pierce for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 100 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Paid Bill Burrill 2d, for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 113 00

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Paid John A. Griggs for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 100 00

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

Paid George G. Stevens for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 185 00

EAST DISTRICT.

Paid George O. Kingsbury for labor on Highways as per bill,..... 145 00

$1511 96

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. Peabody for supplies at Almshouse,..... $25 00

E. Peabody for services at Almshouse for 3 months, ending June 30, 1856,..... 75 00

E. Peabody for services at Almshouse for 3 months ending Sept. 30, 1856,..... 75 00

Paid	E. Peabody for services at Almshouse for 3 months ending Dec. 31, 1856,	75 00
	E. Peabody for supplies at Almshouse,	11 49
	E. Peabody for services at Almshouse for 3 months ending March 31, 1857,	75 00
	E. Peabody for balance due on account, as per book,	4 96
		$341 45

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

Paid	Town of Chelsea, for assistance rendered the family of G. H. Bodge,	$33 00
	R. H. King, for Medical attendance on James Stapley,	10 37
	George Jennings, for coffin, grave-clothes, and funeral expenses of Thomas Clarke,	11 00
	Lauren Kingsbury, for supplies furnished Mrs. Burrows,	4 52
	Wm. D. Woodcock, for support of his mother,	3 25
	Wm. D. Woodcock, for support of his mother,	3 25
	William Pierce, for Wood delivered to Mrs. Cuningham,	5 25
	A. D. Dearborn, for medical attendance on Simeon Fuller in 1855,	19 00
	Jonathan Fuller, for Fare to Town of Monson, after Haddassa Sisco, also, Cash paid for her support,	10 85
	Jonathan Fuller, for Wood furnished Mrs. Cunningham,	5 50
	Wm. D. Woodcock, for support of his Mother,	3 25
	Daniel Warren, for coffin and funeral expenses of Mrs Mary Cunningham,	12 00
	Wm. H. Flagg, for Goods furnished to Levi Whitcomb,	5 00
	C. F. Adams, for support of Joseph Smith in Middlesex House of Correction,	4 42
	Lauren Kingsbury, for supplies furnished Richard Turner,	5 21
	Town of Medford, for supplies furnished Joseph Smith,	11 12
		$146 99

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

North School.— Two Departments.

Paid	C. E. Dewing, for services as Teacher, 16 weeks,	$80 00
	Ebenezer Smith, for sawing, splitting, and piling 5 1-2 cords Wood,	9 63
	L. A. Kingsbury, for services as Teacher, 3 1-2 months, making fires and sweeping House,	150 50
	Elizabeth Kent, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
	S. McIntosh, for Wood furnished,	35 00
		$345 13

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Reuben Hurd, for Wood furnished, Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	23	25
H. A. Stone, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70	00
Wilson Palmer, for services as Teacher, 3 3-4 months, making fires and sweeping House,	162	12
	$255	37

GREAT PLAIN SCHOOL.— TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid George G. Stevens, for Wood furnished, Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	$37	25
Lucy A. May, for services as Teacher, 16 weeks,	80	00
Albert Palmer, for services as Teacher, 3 1-2 months,	154	00
A. M. Eaton, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70	00
George G. Stevens, for services taking care of the Great Plain School House, making fires &c.,	6	62
	$347	87

CENTRE SCHOOL.— TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid C. M. Flagg, for services as Teacher 11 weeks,	55	00
Daniel Kimball, for Wood furnished, Sawing and Splitting the same,	38	87
Alanson Palmer, for services as Teacher 4 months, 2 boxes Crayons,	169	62
Harriet E. Sawyer, for services as Teacher 16 weeks,	80	00
	$343	49

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Jane F. Flagg, for services as Teacher 16 weeks,	80	00
Wm. Pierce for furnishing Wood, Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	24	25
Solomon Flagg, for services as Teacher 3 1-2 months, Cash paid for making fires and sweeping room,	150	50
	$254	75

WEST SCHOOL.— TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Nancy S. Flagg, for services as Teacher 6 weeks,	30	00
Anna C. Bassett, for services as Teacher 12 weeks,	60	00
G. W. Mansfield, for services as Teacher 3 1-2 months,	147	00
C. E. Dewing, for services as Teacher 13 weeks,	65	00
G. W. Mansfield, for making fires and sweeping House,	3	90
Dexter Kingsbury, for Sawing, Splitting and Piling Wood, &c.,	10	23
S. McIntosh, for furnishing Wood,	35	00
	$351	13

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

Paid John Mansfield, for Wood furnished, Sawing and Splitting the same,	$14	13

Paid	Marion Kingsbury, for services as Teacher 20 weeks,	100 00
	Marion Kingsbury, for services as Teacher 10 weeks,	50 00
	L. A. Kingsbury, for Wood furnished,	14 67
		$178 80

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid	Lizzie Kent, for services as Teacher 11 weeks,	55 00
	C. M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,	95 00
	John W. Shaw, for Wood furnished, Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	22 07
	Albert Fuller, for making fires and sweeping House,	2 25
	S. McIntosh, for Wood furnished,	21 00
		$195 32

NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid	George K. Daniell for services at Almshouse,	$3 00
	Willard Marcy, for 3 Hoes used at Fire in Woods,	3 10
	Joseph Richards, for services as Witness, in the case between the Town and E. Lyon,	1 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 month's Interest,	150 00
	Nathan Longfellow, for services as School Committee,	26 00
	Jonathan Fuller, for Cash paid for Desk, Stools, Chairs and Stationery, for office at Town House,	17 20
	George F. Scott, for making fires, and taking care of East School House in 1854,	2 00
	E. Peabody, for Liquors furnished Town Agency,	50 00
	H. F. C. Nichols, for taking care of East School House, Chalk and Books furnished Children in School,	5 13
	R. Hurd, for Bell, Broom, and Stove-pipe, for East School House,	1 03
	Daniel Kimball, for services as School Committee, and preparing Report for Town and State,	33 00
	James Gray for Trees furnished Town Farm,	24 95
	Elijah Woodcock, Jr., for Land, and moving Wall on said Woodcock's place,	5 00
	James T. Wright, for services of Engine Men,	45 00
	Lauren Kingsbury, for services taking Statistics for State in 1855,	18 00
	Charles E. Dudley, for services of Engine Men,	25 00
	Solomon Flagg, for services, making out Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town,	15 00
	George K. Daniell, for services taking Statistics for State in 1855,	18 00

Paid	Josiah Hastings, for printing 500 Copies of School and Town Reports	34 75
	George Jennings, for services taking Statistics for State in 1855,...	22 00
	Thomas Kingsbury, Interest on Town Note, held by Charlotte Sawyer,...	15 75
	Benjamin G. Kimball, for abatement of Tax on Personal Estate,...	4 25
	Clarissa Noyes, for abatement of Tax on Personal Estate,.....	29 73
	George Jennings, for Cash paid for printing Tax Bills, and distributing Town Reports,...	11 70
	A. Greenwood, for Labor and Material, furnished in fastening Desk at Selectmen's Office,...	1 00
	P. A. Wales, for repairing Pump, at Grantville School House,...	5 00
	John A. Griggs, for Breaking out roads and Cutting out ruts in Lower South District,...	9 75
	C. C. Greenwood, for services in meeting Commissioners and Selectmen, on Roads and Bridges, proportioning Highway Money &c.,	17 75
	Jonathan Fuller, for services in meeting Commissioners and Selectmen, on Roads and Bridges, proportioning Highway Money, and other services,...	24 67
	Lauren Kingsbury, for services, meeting Commissioners and Selectmen, on Roads and Bridges, proportioning Highway Money, &c.,	18 25
	L. Kingsbury, Geo. K. Daniell and S. Flagg, services making Valuation, assessing Taxes, taking census of Scholars, Militia of 1856, Postage and Stationery,...	144 50
	Spencer Fuller, for cash paid L. Sumner and William Pierce, for breaking Roads in 1854-5,...	3 62
	Charles Rice, Jr., for Lumber furnished for Bridge, in North Centre II. District,...	9 46
	E. C. Jenkins, for making return of 8 Deaths to Town Clerk,....	80
	Seth Dewing, for breaking Roads in West Centre District in 1855-6,	2 00
	Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Labor and Materials furnished in making alterations in Town Hall, and in rooms below, in Town House,	50 00
	Thomas Kingsbury, for cash paid Brighton Market Bank, for money borrowed,...	500 00
	George Jennings, 6 per cent, discount, and 1 1-2 per cent, Commission, allowed said Jennings as Collector, agreeable to a vote of the Town, on $2700 51,...	202 54
	Luther Kingsbury, for abatement of Tax on Personal Property,...	8 49
	The Estate of Dexter Ware, for abatement of Tax on Personal Property,...	1 42
	Abigail C. Mills, for abatement of Tax on Personal Property,.....	21 24
	Jonathan Fuller, for furnishing Material and building Bridge, near the house of Solomon F. Smith,...	565 00
	E. Parker, in part, for Stones delivered at Lower Falls, for Bridge,	500 00
	P. Frost, Jr., for Horse and Man drawing Engines from the fire of Eaton & Moulton's Shop in 1852,...	4 00
	Wm. Jones, for building Bridge near Ezra Fuller's,...	50 00
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 months' Interest,...	150 00
	E. Parker, in full for furnishing Material and building Bridge, at Lower Falls,...	600 00

Paid H. F. Walling, for 420 plain Maps, and 180 colored and mounted,.	399 00
Charles Rice, Jr, for Spruce Plank, for Lower Falls Bridge,.....	46 30
Daniel Morse, for Pail, Dish, Ink, and mending Windows in West School House,.....	1 22
Robert Mansfield, for use of Room for School, in Northwest part of Town,.....	20 00
John A. Libby, for repairing Bridge, near N. Longfellow's,.....	3 87
George G. Stevens, for Broom, Dipper, Rings and Staples, and Repairing Bridge,.....	2 87
John Mansfield, for services as Committee, taking care of School Room, Broom, repairing Windows, and furnishing Water for Scholars,.....	6 30
Keith, Brothers & Co., for abatement of Tax on Real Estate in 1855,	3 84
R. Hurd, for Repairing School House, 3 Brooms, in E. District,...	1 91
Benjamin Cook, for abatement of Tax on Real Estate,.....	1 06
Jonathan Fuller, for services meeting Commissioners on Roads, Distributing Town Maps, Freight on Maps and Postage,.....	10 45
George Jennings, for abatement of Tax illegally Assessed,.....	13 50
Lauren Kingsbury, for services meeting Commissioners on Roads, and Selectmen, to lay out Road for Mrs. E. D. Dix,.....	8 06
Wm. Pierce, for Repairs on South School House, and services as Committee to settle with Treasurer,.....	15 06
E. Peabody, for services, warning Town Meeting, Cash paid for Notices, Repairing Bridge,.....	16 00
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Repairs on North School House Stove, Chalk, Brooms, Glass, Chair, &c.,.....	25 43
C. H. Flagg, for Filling up Road on Bridge near his House,.....	7 00
H. Robinson, for Setting Glass, and making Repairs, in West and Grantville School Houses,.....	4 80
H. Robinson, for Painting Railing on new Bridge, near S. F. Smith's,.....	4 00
Geo. Jennings, for services summoning persons on Town Clerk's Warrant, and furnishing names to Selectmen, of persons who paid Poll Tax,.....	19 30
Geo. Jennings, for abatement of Tax on Real Estate of N. Kingsbury,	2 48
Jonathan Fuller, for cash paid A. Fuller, for Posts, N. Longfellow, for Labor and Nails, and G. Fuller of Brighton, for Lumber,...	52 89
E. Peabody, for Filling around East School House, in part,.....	50 00
James Smith, for services Investigating the affairs of Almshouse,..	2 00
George Spring, for Labor, Nails and Spikes, on Lower Falls Bridge,	14 72
C. C. Greenwood, for services meeting Commissioners, and other services, and cash paid for Stationery,.....	18 60
Augustus Eaton, for Labor and Material furnished in repairing Great Plain, and Centre School Houses,.....	28 19
Thomas Kingsbury, for cash paid for Insurance on Centre School House,.....	10 50
E. C. Dudley, for drawing Engine No. 4 to a Fire near Mr. Libbey's,	1 50
George Jennings, for 6 per cent. discount allowed, and 1 1-2 per cent. Commission, on State, County, and Town Taxes, Assessed in Needham, for A. D. 1856, collected and paid by said Jennings, as directed by his Warrant from the Assessors,.....	717 29

Paid George Jennings, for abatement of Poll Taxes for 1856,.....	34 50
E. Peabody, in full for Filling around East School House,.....	27 00
John W. Shaw, for Mats, Scrapers, Locks, and Labor, around Grantville School House,.....	10 81
Jonathan Fuller, for meeting Commissioners and Selectmen, on Roads, and other services respecting Paupers, and cash paid for printing Order Blanks,.....	13 86
Lauren Kingsbury, for meeting Commissioners and Selectmen on Roads,.....	6 50
C. C. Greenwood, for meeting Commissioners and Selectmen, on Roads,.....	2 50
J. Fuller, L. Kingsbury, and C. C. Greenwood, for services rendered, in meeting at Town Office,.....	30 00
R. Mansfield, for use of Room for School, in Northwest District, 10 weeks,.....	10 00
J. J. Gould, for Refreshments furnished Engine Company at Eaton & Moulton's Fire, at Lower Falls,.....	10 83
John Mansfield, for Chair, Sweeping Room and Making Fires, and Chalk, at North West School,.....	5 67
Solomon Flagg, for services as Town Clerk, One Year, ending Mar. 1, 1857, Taking Census of Births and Recording the same, also Recording Marriages and Deaths, and making Return of same to Secretary of State, cash paid for Postage and Books Received,.....	67 13
Dexter Kingsbury, for removing and treading down Snow, in the West Centre Highway District,.....	118 56
George G. Stevens, for removing and treading down Snow in the Great Plain Highway District,.....	129 08
John A. Griggs, for removing and treading down Snow, in the Lower South Highway District,.....	120 20
Dexter Kingsbury, for Repairs on the West District School House, and Stove,.....	19 95
L. A. Kingsbury, for services as School Committee, for 1856,.....	25 00
G. O. Kingsbury, for removing and treading down Snow, in the Upper Falls Highway District,.....	104 85
C. B. Lovewell, in part, for removing and treading down Snow, in the West Highway District,.....	46 39
Bill Burrill, 2d, for removing and treading down Snow, in the Centre Highway District,.....	58 21
Wm. Pierce, for removing and treading down Snow, in the Upper South Highway District,.....	101 75
Lewis Sumner, for leveling down Rail Road Crossing near the South Mills,.....	6 00
Wm. Pierce, for Repairs on South School House,.....	1 77
E. Peabody, for straightening Road and moving Wall near the Almshouse,.....	25 00
H. L. Howe, for removing and treading down Snow, in the North Highway District,.....	133 78
E. Peabody, for cash paid for printing Notices for March and April Meetings, and distributing the same,.....	19 00

Paid Thomas Kingsbury, for services as Treasurer,	51	50
E. Peabody, for removing and treading down Snow, in North Centre Highway District,	51	85
Thomas Kingsbury, for an error in the Taxes, for 1853, committed to him as Collector,	33	31
A. B. Childs, for removing and treading down Snow, in North West Highway District,	44	57
E. Peabody, for services as Liquor Agent,	25	00
	$6292	79

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Repairs of Highways,	$1511 96
" Support of Poor,	488 44
" Support of Schools,	2271 86
" Necessary Town Charges,	6292 79
	$10,565 05

REMOVING SNOW THE PAST WINTER.

Paid Dexter Kingsbury,	$118 56
George G. Stevens,	129 08
John A. Griggs,	120 20
George O. Kingsbury,	104 85
C. B. Lovewell, in part,	46 39
Bill Burrill, 2d,	58 21
William Pierce,	101 75
H. L. Howe	133 78
E. Peabody,	51 85
A. B. Child,	44 57
	$909 24

GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

For Support of Schools, including $90 Interest on School Fund,....	$2100 00
For Support of Poor,.....	850 00
For Necessary Town Charges,.....	7000 00
For Repairs of Highways, $1500, appropriated from the Sum raised for Necessary Town Charges.	
	$9950 00

Committed to the Collector in addition to Grants.

State Tax,.....	$870 00
County Tax,.....	1011 67
Overlayings,.....	432 73
	$12,264 40

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1ST, 1857.

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,.....	$5000 00
To Charlotte Sawyer,.....	200 00

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS

OF THE BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF NEEDHAM, ARE, FOR THE YEAR 1856, AS FOLLOWS:

BIRTHS IN 1856.

Whole number,	64	Children of American Parents	32
Males,	34	Children of Irish Parents,	23
Females,	30	Children of English Parents,	7
		Of others,	2

CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE.

During the year 1856 there have been in Needham,	21
Where both parties belonged to Needham,	9
Where but one party,	12

MARRIAGES.

There have been returned to the Town Clerk, during the year 1856, nine Certificates of Marriage.

DEATHS.

The whole number of Deaths in 1856, was	29

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption,	8	Small Pox,	1
Typhoid Fever,	5	Lung Fever,	1
Dropsy,	3	Child Bed,	1
Cancer,	3	Dysentery,	1
Heart Complaint,	2	Casualty,	1
Old Age,	2	Unknown,	1

AGES.

Under 5 years,	6	Between 40 and 50,	1
Between 5 and 10,	0	" 50 and 60,	4
" 10 and 20,	3	" 60 and 70,	6
" 20 and 30,	0	" 70 and 80,	2
" 30 and 40,	3	" 80 and 90,	4

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

Thomas Kingsbury, Esq., Treasurer, in account with the Town of Needham.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance in Treasury, April 1, 1856,	$582 55	By cash paid Brighton Market Bank, amount of two notes,	$2200 00
To cash received of State for taking Census, Valuation, &c., of Needham,	118 00	By cash paid C. C. Greenwood, amount of note,	352 45
To cash received of Brighton Market Bank, money borrowed	593 90	By cash paid on orders, outstanding April 1, 1856,	119 56
To cash received of State Treasurer for School Fund,	88 10	By cash paid on orders drawn during year ending April 1, 1857,	10,565 09
To cash received of Town of Sherborn, for support of Prince Hill and family,	47 00		$13,237 10
To cash received of Brighton Market Bank, money borrowed	1575 20	By cash in Treasury,	879 73
To cash received of C. C. Greenwood, money borrowed,	350 00		$14,116 83
To cash received of A. C. Curtis & Sons, on acc't of Bridge,	301 50		
To cash received of C. C. Greenwood and Jonathan Fuller for Maps,	77 85		
To cash received of George Jennings, Collector, Taxes for 1855,	10,382 73		
	$14,116 83		

WILLIAM FLAGG,
BRACKETT LORD,
REUBEN WARE,
} Committee.

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Liquor Agency in account with the Town, from the commencement, August 9, 1855, to April 1, 1857.

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash received of the Town,	$249 58	By Liquors on hand,	$175 00
To gain,	*32 59	By cash on hand,	107 17
	$282 17		$282 17

*Deducting the Agent's salary, ($25,) the actual gain will be found to be $7 59.

Liquor Agent in Account with the Town.

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash received of the Town,	$249 58	By cash paid for Liquors,	$472 46
To cash received for sale of Liquors,	330 05	By cash in hands of Agent,	107 17
	$579 63		$579 63

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALMSHOUSE INSTITUTION.

DR.

To loss on Personal Property,	$124 32
To amount of orders drawn for Supplies, and for Warden's services,	341 45
To cash in hand of Warden, as per Report of last year,	69 48
To Rent of Farm,	300 00
To probable Tax,	30 00
To Interest on Personal Property,	87 15
	$952 40
	163 00
Balance against the Institution,	$789 40

The whole number of weeks' board at the Institution the past year, is 717, which is 110 cents per week.

Expense of Poor out of Almshouse, ... $146 99

146.99
341.45
488.44
300.00
87.15
873.15

	Cr.
By 360 Meals furnished Town Officers and Travellers,	$72 00
By use of Town Hall,	60 00
By Labor in setting Orchard,	25 00
By warming and lighting Selectmen's Room and Town Hall,	6 00
	$163 00

Your Committee were much pleased with the appearance of affairs at the Almshouse.

Every thing in doors and out, had the mark of neatness about it. Economy in making purchases and judgment in expending, were seen by the Committee, whilst making their examination. The inmates were evidently at home, appearing contented, cheerful and happy. The Town may consider itself fortunate in securing the services of the present Warden and his accomplished lady, and the small addition to his salary, made the present year, was certainly a judicious act of the Overseers of this Institution, and should receive the approbation of every intelligent citizen.

ROBERT MANSFIELD,
JOHN MILLS,
AUGUSTUS FULLER,
} COMMITTEE.

NEEDHAM, APRIL 6TH, 1857.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending Committee, having performed their duty in relation to the Public Schools of Needham, for the year of 1856–7, respectfully beg leave to present to the Town the following Report.

To take charge and superintend the Public Schools in Town, especially at this day of improvement and reform, requires no little degree of labor, thought and anxiety. The qualifications of teachers have been very much raised during the last few years. What would have been considered a superior teacher, ten or twelve years ago, to-day would scarcely be acceptable. This has been a desired and important change for the profit and utility of the Common School system; and it has been almost entirely brought about through the instrumentality of our Normal Schools and Teachers' Institutes. The correct and valuable principles in the art of school-teaching, imparted in these Institutions, have not been confined alone to the pupils attending them, but they have been imbibed and happily practised, by other teachers; and thus an important and salutary effect has been produced upon the character of *all* our teachers and schools.

The true success and advancement of *all* the schools in Town, have been the sole and undivided object of your Committee from the outset; and they are not a little gratified on account of their general success, and of your approbation and co-operation in sustaining them so generally in their selection of teachers, division of school money, and in their various plans and purposes to elevate the character of our Town Schools. Though our teachers have not all been what we desired, and some have not even come up to our anticipations, and met with our entire approbation, still, as a whole, we have never had better laborers, and more correct and faithful performers of the duties of the school-room.

Grantville Division. The Summer Term of this school, was taught by Miss Elizabeth Kent, of Needham, the former teacher. The

Committee observed a general gradual improvement in the scholars.—The order was good, and the answers generally were prompt and well understood; still, there seemed to be a want of interest and energy on the part of the scholars, and too little life and animation.

The Fall and Winter Terms were under the instruction of Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer, of Needham, who, by her apt and easy way, at once gained the love and attention of her pupils, and satisfactory progress was apparent during both sessions.

East Division. Summer — Miss H. A. Stone, of Needham, Teacher. The school was small, and generally well disposed. The teacher was amiable and kind to her pupils, and seemed to gain their love and esteem; still, there was not that life and marked improvement that was desirable.

For Winter, Mr. Wilson Palmer, of Candia, N. H., Teacher. The school was generally orderly and obedient, and the teacher was industrious, sparing no pains to advance his pupils and elevate the character of the school; and we think he was successful in his unwearied efforts; not only to the satisfaction of the community, but generally to that of the scholars and parents. Though this school was not large, the classes were numerous, having scholars all the way from the alphabet to algebra.—Hence, so great a progress could not be expected as in our graded schools.

North West Division. This school has had for the last year, Miss Marion Kingsbury, of Needham, for teacher. Zeal and effort have not been wanting on the part of the teacher, to make her services acceptable and useful to her pupils. A decided improvement has been observed, not only in the lessons, but in the deportment and general appearance of the school during the whole year. Though the school-room was small, and the scholars crowded together, twice as close as they should be, for comfort and profit, still the order was good, and the lessons seemed to be thoroughly learned and well understood.

North Division. Summer — Miss Carrie E. Dewing, of Needham, Teacher. This was the teacher's first attempt in school-teaching; and though the school was large, and the classes numerous, requiring the services of a skillful and experienced teacher, she succeeded admirably well for a beginner. The former character of the school was rather more than sustained, especially in mental discipline and in correctness of thought.

Winter — Primary Department — Miss Elizabeth Kent, of Needham, Teacher. The school-room being small and inconvenient, was a great embarrassment to the duties and exercises both of teacher and scholars; still we have found no school in Town in a better state of progress than this. The order was extremely good, and the scholars, though small, showed retentive memories and a correctness of discipline in their answers

and recitations, seldom found in the small department. This is another proof of the great utility of having experienced and judicious teachers, even for the smallest children. The health and comfort, and the best interests of this school are loudly calling at the door of improvement for better rooms and accommodations. Upper Department, L. A. Kingsbury of Needham, Teacher. Mr. Kingsbury, being an old and experienced teacher, felt himself quite at home in the school-room. He showed skill and tact, both in governing and in instructing. His scholars made good progress in their studies, especially in Reading and Composition; and his closing examination was highly creditable to himself and pupils.

South Division — Summer, Miss Jane F. Flagg, of Needham Teacher. This was Miss Flagg's first term of teaching. She commenced with a determination to succeed; and she *did* succeed admirably well. The discipline of the school was good, the classes well arranged, and life and energy were not wanting. Not only harmony and order were in the school-room, but there seemed to be a thorough progress in the various studies and recitations.

Winter — Mr. Solomon Flagg of Needham, Teacher. This is the third successive Winter Term that Mr. Flagg has taught this school, and he has never been more successful than this session. Though this school has been larger this winter than formerly, it has maintained its former elevated standing, and is gradually taking its place beside our best schools in Town. This gradual gain, amidst the embarrassments of a mixed, ungraded school, is, in a great measure, the good fruits of retaining the same efficient teacher, for a successive number of terms.

Great Plain Division — Summer — Miss Lucy A. May, of Needham, Teacher. This was the third term of Miss May's teaching this school, and as formerly, she has given perfect satisfaction. We have no teachers that seem better to understand the management and duties of the school-room. Her discipline, order, and mode of imparting, together with her easy tact of keeping every thing moving along just as it should, plainly show her to be a teacher of no ordinary character. And your Committee regret that her efficient services could no longer be retained.

The Winter, Primary Department, was kept by Miss Adeline M. Eaton, of Needham, an able and experienced teacher. She spared no pains to keep up the former character of the school, and in her efforts and desires, she was not disappointed. Harmony and interest were prominent in the school, as well as a general thoroughness, and good understanding of the various lessons and studies.

Upper Department — Mr. Albert Palmer, of Candia, N. H., Teacher. This is his fourth session of teaching this school. Though his school was small, he has been industrious, and labored hard to interest and ad-

vance his pupils. His order and mode of discipline and imparting, were marked characteristics of good school-teaching, and worthy of praise and imitation. His school never appeared better than this winter. A short school of this grade and character, is worth a vast deal more than a longer one of an ordinary character.

West Division — Summer. This school was commenced by N. S. Flagg, of Southboro', who passed a satisfactory examination, but on trial, failed in health and government, and retired at the expiration of six weeks. The services of Miss Anne Bassett were secured to finish the Term. Though this was the teacher's first school, she seemed quite at home in the school-room. In her order, arrangement and mode of teaching, she was not inferior to older and more experienced teachers. She was courteous and mild, but judicious and firm in her government, and soon gained the interest and esteem of her pupils. Though her school was large, and her classes numerous, there was a marked progress in the various studies and general deportment of the school.

Winter — Primary Department — Miss C. E. Dewing, of Needham, Teacher. Her school appeared well at the separate visits of the Committee, and also at the closing examination. Miss Dewing is a thorough teacher, and spares no pains to have everything passed over well understood.

Upper Department — G. W. Mansfield, of Needham, Teacher. As last year, Mr. Mansfield was diligent and laborious, not only to keep up, but even to raise the already high character of this school. He succeeded well in his purposes, and this school stands second to none in Town.— There were many fine specimens of Composition, and his classes in Algebra, Arithmetic and Reading, particularly distinguished themselves.

Centre Division. The Summer Term of this School was assigned to Miss Caroline Flagg, of Needham. Her health failed her, and the school closed after a session of eleven weeks, without an examination.

Winter — Primary Department — Miss H. N. Sawyer, of Needham, Teacher. Miss Sawyer was diligent, and very anxious to have a good school. Her classes were well arranged, her mode of teaching was good. A healthy progress in the various studies and lessons was apparent, and general good feeling between teacher and scholars seemed to exist.

Upper Department — Mr. Alanson Palmer, of Candia, N. H., Teacher. This was this teacher's second term of instruction in this school. As last year, he has been active and untiring for the advancement of his pupils. A correct discipline of the mind and a thorough progress were his aim, rather than rapidity, and excessive number of pages. The general appearance and character of the school, during the session and also at the closing examination, gave full proof of his success in his unwearied labors. No better thinkers than some in this school.

The true system of teaching in the Common Schools of this town is gradually improving. Our teachers are becoming better educators than formerly. They better understand how to *draw out* and cultivate, as well as to impart. They are better guides and directors, and the scholars are more profound thinkers and better performers. Hence, there is a more general thoroughness, and a more rapid treasuring up, and securing useful and valuable knowledge.

Since our connection with the schools in town, as a whole, they have never made greater proficiency in the right direction, than during the past year. With two or three exceptions, they have all been of a superior grade, and have taken a praiseworthy stand, which is highly creditable to both scholars and teachers. Fewer books and lessons have been passed over, and more thought and attention have been paid to each lesson and study. This is an important and valuable gain. Generally schools have too many studies and lessons, and these are passed over quite too rapidly. Consequently the real gain is but little, and time and expense are almost entirely lost. Where there is too much hurry to get through a book or lesson, there is too little thought and correct arrangement, and the scholar does not go deep enough to awaken the right emotions and create that love and interest for study and research, that every good scholar must have to make him a proficient and successful laborer in any art or science.

A salutary discipline of the mind and the creation and improvement of a right taste and mode of thinking, are all essential to the child in early life. Hence, we want experienced and able teachers to take charge of the children in the outset, that nothing may then be learned that must be unlearned in riper years. That to unlearn what has been acquired in youth, is a task often far more difficult than to learn, is a truth taught us all by sad experience as well as by every day observation.

Our Winter graded schools are much superior to those that are not. Could all the schools in town, both Summer and Winter, be properly graded, a vast deal would be saved and gained. But their size and situation will not warrant this disposition at present. Still an improvement in that direction should not be lost sight of, even at the expense of distance.— Better have a good graded school a mile off, than an ordinary mixed one at our door. A child had better go three days in a week to a well organized graded school, than the whole six to one of every class from the Alphabet to Algebra.

The larger scholars need a still room, long recitations, and ample time for thought and illustration. While the small ones need, in many respects, quite the reverse — short lessons, frequent recitations, and a vast

deal of oral instruction and explanation from the black board and otherwise, that all the little whys and wherefores may be well understood and remembered. When all of these grades and classes, with their numerous studies and recitations, are in the same room and taught by the same teacher. conflicting interests and serious loss cannot be avoided. While the large ones are at work, the small ones are idle or at play. While the former may be diligent and happy in thought and research, the little ones, being compelled to sit hour after hour almost entirely uninterested and unemployed, are impatient and uneasy, every moment wishing the school would close and give them ample space and power to regale and invigorate both soul and body in their own child-like way.

For the last few years, we think, the school-money of the town, has been divided among the schools in a judicious and impartial manner.—As nearly as possible, every child in town has received the same amount of instruction. And your Committee have spared no pains to secure the services of teachers with qualifications fully competent to impart instruction of equal value to each school, its size and advancement always taken into consideration.

The length of each school has been thirty weeks. Six additional weeks, we think, would be quite schooling enough for the children of this Town at present. Too much schooling is quite as injurious to the child as too little. A healthy action, growth and strength of the physical powers, should not be overlooked in a too eager desire after intellectual improvement. There can be no real mental improvement, aside from a healthy and vigorous physical growth. The four hundred dollars so cheerfully and unanimously added this year to our former appropriation, will very well supply the needed deficiency, by adding a suitable length to all the schools in town and make them, if well cared for, what we all desire, nurseries of science, wisdom and purity.

Since the selection of teachers, as well as the division of school-money, has been put into the hands of the superintending Commitee, the schools in town have gone on much more harmoniously, and have made much greater progress in the right direction than formerly. The great evil of a constant change of teachers has been avoided, and the same teachers, when successful, have been retained a successive number of terms—a policy as essential to profit and gain in the system of school-teaching, as in any other undertaking or enterprise.

As the different schools in town often require teachers varying somewhat in talents, qualifications and experience, particular care has been taken in assigning teachers, that each school should have *the* teacher best qualified for its particular wants. A change of a teacher from one school

to another has sometimes been essential for the best interests of both teacher and scholars. This has occasionally been done, and as far as we know, to the entire satisfaction and profit of all.

In the selection of teachers we have generally had many more applications and candidates for examination, than schools to be supplied. From these we have endeavored to make the best selection, all things considered, irrespective of birth, rank, or favoritism; giving the preference only to those of our own town. We have no where found better teachers than those reared and educated in our midst, especially those who have availed themselves of the normal privileges. During the last Summer all our schools, with one exception, were supplied with teachers from our own town; and during the Winter, all the female teachers. This is doing well, but we should do better. Our zeal and interest in the progress and prosperity of the Common Schools of Needham, should not flag in the least, certainly till we are enabled to supply *all* our schools, both Summer and Winter, with able and efficient teachers of both sexes. That our schools may be truly prosperous and every thing that we could wish them to be, there must be a common concentration of action in their welfare. All must become interested — Parents and Committee — Teachers and Scholars. Sectional and individual rights and prejudices must give way for the greatest common good — for the good of all the children in town.

The moral culture of our schools is quite as essential as the mental or physical. Strict rules of modesty and purity of purpose should never be lost sight of in our schools. And no teacher who omits the moral culture does his whole duty. The principles of morality and purity lie at the foundation of all wise government and legislation. The sooner these fundamental Christian principles are inculcated, the easier the child is governed, and the sooner he becomes dutiful, diligent, interested and progressive in his studies and recitations.

Children should be trained for good and efficient citizens. But this cannot be done without the right culture of the heart. The neglect of this early moral training — the too frequent omission of the solemn inculcations of the pure principles of the Bible in our schools, is a fruitful source of the insubordination of our youth, and of their reckless transgressions of the law of God, not only while young, but in advanced life. If we wish to preserve inviolate the laws of right and liberty in our land, and protect the weak and innocent from oppression and misrule — if we wish to arrest the progress of crime and transgression around us, and raise the common standard of virtue and purity in society; if we wish even, to save our own children from disgrace and wretchedness, and arm and

qualify them for the duties and emoluments of life; then, we must carefully watch over their moral culture while young — while attending our Common Town Schools.

We think it an injury, not only to our schools, but to scholars themselves, to attend school at too early an age. The physical powers and growth of the child are of the first and greatest importance. All other acquirements should bend to these. Severe mental tasks and discipline to the child in tender years, are often detrimental, and not unfrequently fatal to an extensive and salutary progress in after life. If children were kept from school till six years old, and even then not pressed too severely, abler and more profound scholars would be the ultimate result, and our schools would be relieved of a serious burden, and thousands now cooped up and entrammelled, uneasy and enemployed, would be left free to luxuriate and strengthen in the pathway of health, comfort and delight.

Again, the larger scholars leave school at an age quite too young. At the very time when study is the most pleasant, and the mind the most capable of improvement and reflection, when the taste and energies of the scholar are strongly preponderating towards a refined and valuable education, too many of our largest scholars leave our Common Schools for a Term's smattering at some ordinary Private School; or there is an entire abandonment of those thoughts and studies so essential in after life for literary progress, pleasure and profit. This fashionable and growing error, especially among the larger girls, should be corrected; and they should never think themselves too large or too wise to remain in our Town Schools, till they become proficients and adepts in every thing taught there.

After all that can be said in favor of convenient and healthy school-rooms — of Superintending and Prudential Committees — and of the co-operation of parents and guardians, there cannot be a good school without a good teacher. As well might you labor and toil to make a wise man or an accomplished scholar of a person bearing an idiot's head on healthy and well proportioned shoulders; or a successful and efficient army, led on by a weak and inefficient commander.

"As is the teacher, so is the school," is a truth that cannot be effaced from the records of time, or overlooked by any careful observer of the progress of schools since the history of man. All these are valuable aids, but not essentials. Give us good teachers and we will give you good schools almost any where; and better ones in convenient, well arranged and furnished rooms. Give us good teachers and we will give you the affection, attention and diligence of the scholars. And very soon the co-operation of parents and guardians will be pressing in the right direction.

But if the teacher is incompetent, an entire failure is certain. Hence, our Commonwealth has begun at the right place in establishing and sustaining our Normal Schools and Teachers' Institutes. For it has long since been seen and felt, that higher qualifications of teachers, is the great essential for the true profit and progress of our Common Schools.

Though our schools in town stand well, they are not what they should be. There is yet too much loss in tardiness and absence *out* of school, and in mismanagement and misrule *in* school.

The demand for *superior* teachers being so much greater than the supply, we are constantly losing our best and most experienced ones, on account of our inability to cope with our neighbors in regard to compensation. The large and more wealthy towns and cities around us, are raising the wages of their teachers, and we must do the same, or lose our present standing among them. Not that we are going *back*, but that they are making greater progress. Saving where still we are losing — gaining where we remain stationary.

The great theory and practice of school-teaching, and the proper management of schools, have long since engaged the ablest pens and powers, still much yet remains to be learned and done, to *gain* and *save* in this great Christian enterprise. Too much time is still lost, both *in* and *out* of the school-room; and it seems to us the greatest deficiency still lies in the proper grading of schools, and in the proper qualifications of teachers.

ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PAST YEAR:

Number of Towns in the State,	331
Number of Public Schools,	4,300
Number of persons between five and fifteen years,	222,853
Number of Scholars, of all ages, in Summer,	198,746
Number of Scholars of all ages, in Winter,	209,036
Number of Teachers in Summer, Males, .. 381, Females, .. 4,379,	4,760
Number of Teachers in Winter, Males, .. 1,688, Females, .. 3,223,	4,911
Average Wages of Male Teachers per month, including board,	$43 05
Average Wages of Female Teachers per month, including board,	18 52
Amount of money raised by Tax for Public Schools, for instruction, board and fuel,	1,213,953 55
Percentage of attendance in all the Public Schools,	70
Our Number of Children between five and fifteen years,	433
In the Table of Towns for education per child, in the State, we stand,	96
In the Table of Towns, for education, per child, in County, we stand,	12
For Percentage on Taxable Property in the State, we stand,	98
For Percentage on Taxable Property in the County, we stand,	11

All which is respectfully submitted.

NATHAN LONGFELLOW,

For the School Committee.

NEEDHAM, APRIL 20th, 1857.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

AND REPORT OF THE

General School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1858.

DEDHAM:
PRINTED BY COX & HUTCHINS.
1858.

Needham, March 3d, 1856. The Town voted that the Clerk prepare, and cause to be printed, a Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, for the financial year ending March 31st, 1556, and every year hereafter, until otherwise voted.

REPORT.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

North District.	
Paid H. L. Howe, for labor on Highways,.....	$300 00
North Centre District.	
Nathan Longfellow, for labor on Highways,.....	100 00
West District.	
Solomon Flagg, for labor on Highways,.....	282 00
Northwest District.	
A. B. Childs, for labor on Highways,.....	60 00
West Centre District.	
Dexter Kingsbury, for labor on Highways,.....	125 00
Upper South District.	
William Peirce, for labor on Highways,.....	100 00
Centre District.	
Bill Burrill, 2d, for labor on Highways,.....	113 00
Lower South District.	
John A. Griggs, for labor on Highways,.....	100 00
Great Plain District.	
George G. Stevens, for labor on Highways,.....	185 00
East District.	
George O. Kingsbury, for labor on Highways,.....	135 00
	$1500 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. Peabody, for supplies at the Almshouse,.....	$50 00
E. Peabody, for balance due on account,.....	78 39
E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months, ending June 30, 1857,.....	75 00
E. Peabody, for supplies at Almshouse, ...	96 50

Paid E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months, ending September 30, 1857,	75 00
George E. Eaton, for funeral expenses for Lucy Kelly,	10 50
Silas G. Williams, for Coal delivered at Almshouse,	23 25
E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months, ending December 31, 1857,	75 00
E. Peabody, for balance due on accounts,	131 67
George Jennings, for funeral expenses of Edward Smith,	8 60
E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months, ending March 31, 1858,	75 00

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid A. J. Allen, for House-rent for Mrs. Cunningham,	$24 00
William D. Woodcock, for support of his Mother,	12 00
Town of Natick, for support and funeral expenses of William F. Newhall,	13 50
City of Boston, for support of Martha Jackson, in 1856–'7,	15 37
Lauren Kingsbury, for Wood furnished Samuel Alden,	3 00
Town of Mendon, for supplies furnished the Widow of Ed. Smith,	1 50
George E. Eaton, for Wood furnished Samuel Alden,	13 12
Jonathan Fuller, for supplies furnished Wm. D. Kingsbury,	10 00
E. Peabody, for moving Patrick Mitchell and family to State Almshouse,	6 54
	$99 03

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

NORTH SCHOOL. — TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Ebenezer Smith, for Sawing, Splitting and Piling six cords Wood,	$10 50
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for six cords of Wood,	42 75
C. A. Hartwell, for services as Teacher fifteen weeks,	82 50
Isabella P. Felch, for services as Teacher seventeen and 1-2 weeks,	87 50
L. A. Kingsbury, for services as Teacher seventeen and 1-2 weeks,	183 75
	$407 00

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Reuben Hurd, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	$21 00
Reuben Hurd, for taking care of School-House, supplying Water, and for Brooms, Pails and Dipper,	7 47
M. A. Hollis, for Teaching nineteen weeks,	95 00
Charles A. Johnson, for services as Teacher four months,	168 00
	$291 47

GREAT PLAIN SCHOOL.—TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid George G. Stevens, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting, and Piling the same, and for Broom and Chalk,	$41 65
Elizabeth Perry, for services as Teacher nineteen weeks,	104 50
A. M. Eaton, for services as Teacher sixteen weeks,	80 00
Albert Palmer, for services as Teacher sixteen weeks,	168 00
	$394 15

CENTRE SCHOOL.---TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Daniel Kimball, for Wood furnished, for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same, for making fires, cleaning house, and for Brooms, &c.	$53 61
A. E. Hofses, for services as Teacher thirty-five weeks,	175 00
Wilson Palmer, for services as Teacher sixteen weeks,	168 00
	$396 61

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Paid S. S. Seagraves, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	$18 00
Paid Helen K. Seagraves, for services as Teacher, making fires, and taking care of the room,	83 83
	$101 83

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid William Pierce, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same, and for Brooms, Pail and Dipper,	$26 98
Jane Flagg, for services as Teacher nineteen weeks,	95 00
Solomon Flagg, for services as Teacher two and one-half months,	105 00
Solomon Flagg, for services as Teacher six weeks, and for chalk,	63 15
George Hanck, for making fires and sweeping house,	3 00
	$293 13

WEST SCHOOL.---TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Marion A. Kingsbury, for services as Teacher nine weeks,	$45 00
William Flagg, for Wood furnished,	34 25
Solomon Flagg, for Sawing, Splitting and Piling Wood,	7 50
Caroline E Dewing, for services as Teacher nineteen weeks; also, for Broom and Ink,	95 48
Marion Kingsbury, for services as Teacher ten weeks; also, for Chalk,	51 20
Solomon Flagg, for cleaning School-House,	1 50
J. B. Davenport, for making fires and sweeping House,	6 00
G. W. Mansfield, for services as Teacher four months,	168 00
G. W. Mansfield, for Board-Rubbers and Chalk,	75
Marion Kingsbury, for services as Teacher sixteen weeks,	80 00
	$489 68

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Charlotte M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher nine weeks,	$45 00
Albert Fuller, for making fires and sweeping School-House,	2 25
Sylvester McIntosh, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	34 50
Charlotte M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher ten weeks; also, for making fires and sweeping House,	52 75
Charlotte M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher sixteen weeks,	80 00
	$214 50

NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid J. M. Harris, for Surveying Road, and for Plan of same, from D. Winship's to Worcester Turnpike,	$6 00
W. C. Hubbard, for Painting and Sanding Railing at Lower Falls Bridge,	5 00
Thomas Kingsbury, it being an error in settlement with the Treasurer for the year 1853-'54,	30 13
Nathan Longfellow, for services as School Committee, and making the Report,	34 00
Daniel Kimball, for services as School Committee,	27 00
James Nickelson, for services for Engine Men,	40 00
Robert W. Fulton, for Shoveling Snow in U. South District,	75
George Rice, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	3 90
Luther Richards, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property of Estate of Luther Colburn,	3 90
Warren Dewing, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	7 80
James Winslow, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	3 00
Sherman Bowers, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	7 80
J. M. Harris, for Surveying a part of Worcester and Central Turnpike,	6 00
C. C. Greenwood, for services meeting County Commissioners, Examining Roads and Bridges, Proportioning Highway Money,	16 50
Lauren Kingsbury, for services meeting County Commissioners, Examining Roads and Bridges, Proportioning Highway Money,	16 75
Geo. K. Daniel, S. Flagg, and Geo. E. Eaton, for services Making Valuation, Assessing Taxes, Taking Census of Scholars and Militia of 1857,	166 00
A. W. Haskell, for Printing Tax Bills,	12 00
John J. Perry, for Removing Snow in the West Highway District,	9 00
John McCrackin, for Removing Snow in the N. W. Highway Dist.	1 50
C. S. Flagg, services of Engine Men,	75 00
Solomon Flagg, for services in Preparing Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, and Journey to Dedham,	17 50

'aid Cox & Hutchins, for Printing five hundred copies of Town and School Report,	40	00
E. Peabody, for cash paid for Printing Notices for May Meeting, and for distributing the same,	9	50
G. Calden, for Bundles received by Express,	1	12
George Jennings, six per cent. Discount, and two per cent. Commission, allowed said Jennings as Collector, agreeable to a vote of the Town, on $2992.13, paid Town Treasurer,	239	37
E. C. Jenkins, for making return of six Deaths to Town Clerk,		60
George Jennings, for Abatement of Taxes on Personal Property, erroneously assessed,	32	38
T. N. Smith, for building a Barn on Town Farm,	1047	00
Geo. Jennings, for Abatement of Poll Taxes, erroneously assessed,	19	50
George Baker, for Land taken in locating the Upper Falls Bridge,	25	00
Geo. K. Daniel, S. Flagg, Geo. E. Eaton, for taking Census of Legal Voters, and making return of the same,	12	00
Charlotte Sawyer, for Interest on Note of $200,	12	00
James Boyd & Sons, for 208 1-2 feet of Hose, and Couplings,	211	28
Thomas Kingsbury, for cash paid for Insuring Town Barn,	14	00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for six months' Interest,	150	00
R. W. Crafts, Executor of estate of Nathan Crafts, for furnishing material and building Bridge at Upper Falls,	1244	87
Thomas Kingsbury, for Laying Stone for Barn Cellar at Town Farm, and for pointing same,	71	43
E. Peabody, for extra work on Highways in North Centre District,	5	00
Charles Rice, Jr., for Lumber for Shed at Almshouse,	29	80
C. C. Greenwood, for services in Examining Roads, and for cash paid for Postage,	11	68
William Jones, in part for building Road on Great Plain,	150	00
John W. Shaw, for Stone Posts for Barn Cellar on Town Farm,	17	60
Geo. G. Stevens, for Glass, repairing Pump, Netting for Windows,	24	57
George G. Stevens, for cutting down Hill in front of East Meeting House,	35	00
Cox & Hutchins, for Printing Laws from the Revised Statutes, concerning Fruits, Flowers, School Houses, &c.	5	00
Eayres & Fairbanks, for Stationery,	3	00
John Clark, for Abatement of his Tax on Personal Property, the same being erroneously assessed,	2	34
Solomon Flagg, for services as Town Clerk for six months,	25	00
Bill Burrill, for Abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	1	56
William Pierce, for Repairs on South School House,	11	13
Walter Bowers, for furnishing material, and plastering South School House, building Chimney, and setting Register,	34	00
Reuben Hurd, for Repairs on East School House,	4	75
Harvey S. Brown, for Abatement of Tax on Poll and Personal Property, the same being erroneously assessed,	9	30
William Jones, for Abatement of Tax on Real Estate,		78
William Jones, in part, for building Road on Great Plain,	150	00

Paid C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for Abatement of Tax on their Real Estate,	2 12
John Mills, for services on Committee on Barn, Schools and Almshouse,	8 00
John A. Griggs, for Plank and Labor on Day's Bridge,	5 77
John A. Griggs, for extra work on Highway in L. South District,	3 41
Lauren Kingsbury, for services in meeting County Commissioners and Selectmen on Roads, and cash paid for Lights at Upper Falls Bridge,	22 56
George O. Kingsbury, for extra work on Highway in Upper Falls District,	5 00
Luther Horr, for Repairs on West School House,	7 01
Jonathan Fuller, for services meeting County Commissioners on Roads, cash paid for Stationery, examining Roads, and dividing highway money,	36 12
Jonathan Fuller, for work and material at Upper Falls Bridge, building Road at Noyes' Corner, and repairing Culvert near the Store in West Needham,	138 36
T. N. Smith, for Lumber for Shed at Almshouse,	14 97
Bill Burrill, 2d, for building Culvert near the residence of George Revere,	16 24
Marshall S. Scudder, for Abatement of Tax on his Personal Property,	22 23
Thomas E. Morse, for Abatement of Tax on his Real Estate,	2 34
Robert Mansfield, for services as Committee on Almshouse and Grantville School House,	4 50
James and Thomas Beless, for Abatement of Tax on their Personal Property,	3 90
William Jones, in part, for building Road on Great Plain,	600 00
A. Greenwood, for labor on Shed at Town Farm,	15 13
Frederick Wendt, for digging Well at the West School House,	38 50
Jonathan Avery, for building Road from or near his house to the Hunnewell Road,	103 00
George Jennings, for services in notifying Town Officers, and for funeral expenses of Cook's Child,	43 99
E. Peabody, in part, for work on Barn Cellar and Shed, and leveling Door Yard,	100 00
E. Gibson, for furnishing Material and Painting Centre School House,	62 25
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for labor and materials in repairing Town House,	7 31
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Repairs on North School House,	8 38
William Jones, in part, for building Road on Great Plain,	400 00
E. Peabody, for Nails, Sharpening Drills, for Hooks and Chains for Barn and Shed, for Printing and Distributing Notices for November Meeting,	24 70
William J. Marchant, for three days' Carpenter Work, and for Stock and Mason Work on Centre School House,	8 65
Terence Quinn, for building Culvert and furnishing material, on Road near the house of William Dewing,	8 00

Paid Bill Burrill, 2d, for cleaning out the Vault at Centre School House,	1 00
Thomas Kingsbury, for labor on Barn and Shed at Town Farm,...	33 43
Lauren Kingsbury, for Lumber and Spikes, and Labor on Worcester Turnpike (so called).....	15 77
Ralph Smith, for 18 3-4 days' work on Shed at Town Farm,.....	28 12
J. M. Harris, for Survey of Bullen Road, and for Plan, Profile and Specifications, ...	22 50
Blake, Barnard & Co., for Iron Pump, Chain and Tube, for Well at the West School House, ...	10 00
Arnold Williams, for making Road near the house of I. Bullen,..	10 00
Thomas Kingsbury, for Interest paid on a Note at Brighton Bank,	30 75
George Spring, for Plan and Specification for Town Barn,.....	5 00
Charles Rice, for services as Committee on building Town Barn,...	16 00
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for Postage, Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths, taking Census of Births, Repairs on West School House, and Journey to Dover,.....	49 72
William Jones, in full, for making Road on Great Plain,.....	275 00
George Jennings, six per cent. Discount allowed, and two per cent. Commission, on Real Estate Taxes, assessed in Needham for A.D. 1857, collected and paid by said Jennings, as directed by his Warrant from the Assessors,.....	867 37
George Jennings, for Abatement of Poll Taxes of 1857,.....	18 00
George Jennings, for Abatement of the Real Estate Tax of Nahum Kingsbury, ...	2 73
Heirs of Jonathan Gay, for Abatement in part of Real Estate Taxes assessed on Buildings A.D. 1857,.....	2 34
C. K. Stone, for making Plan of Road through land of C. B. Lovewell,.....	3 00
C. A. Johnson, for School Books furnished East District,.....	13 71
H. L. Stone, for services on Committee for building Barn, and for nine Cow Chains for Barn,.....	9 37
Jonathan Fuller, for services in meeting Commissioners on Roads, Selectmen in laying out Roads, for Platform for Well in West District, Journey to Mendon, and cash for Postage,...	23 60
A. L. Cutler, for Paints, Oil and Brushes, for painting Town Barn,	35 93
E. Peabody, for cash paid for Printing March Meeting Notices, distributing the same, and for Painting the Town Barn,.....	23 50
E. Peabody, for Bolts, Nails and Staples, for Barn and Gates,.....	10 84
C. C. Greenwood, for services in meeting Commissioners on Roads, Selectmen in laying out Roads, and Journey to Mendon,.....	17 35
J. Fuller, L. Kingsbury, and C. C. Greenwood, for services at Town Office as Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor,.....	45 00
Charles A. Johnson, for Books, furnished in the East School,.....	
Thomas Kingsbury, for services as Town Treasurer for 1857,.....	50 00
E. Peabody, for work on Barn Cellar, Shed and Yard,..... ...	169 59
Mary L. Wakefield, for Abatement of her Tax for the year 1857,..	1 56
Solomon Flagg, for services as School Committee for 1857,.....	25 00
W. B. Harris, for surveying done on Bullen road,.....	2 00

Paid Solomon Flagg, for examining Records of Marriages prior to 1800, and returning the same; also Recording Marriages received from other towns—in compliance with the Act of 1857, Chap. 84, Sec. 4,..... 32 30

Hiram Crego, for Abatement of Tax on his personal property,..... 3 12

UPPER FALLS BRIDGE.

Nathan Craft, per Contract,.....$1244 87

NEW ROAD ON GREAT PLAIN.

William Jones, per Contract,.....$1575 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Repairs of Highways,.....	$1500 00
" Support of Poor,.....	797 94
" Support of Schools,.....	2588 37
" Necessary Town Charges,.....	7707 19
	$12593 50

GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

For Support of Schools, including $90 Interest on School Fund,	$2500 00
" Support of Poor,	800 00
" Necessary Town Charges,	8000 00
	$11300 00

[For Repairs of Highways, $1500, appropriated from the sum raised for Necessary Town Charges.]

COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR, IN ADDITION TO GRANTS.

State Tax,	$1305 00
County Tax,	1011 67
Overlayings,	217 58
	$13834 25

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1858.

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	$5000 00
" Charlotte Sawyer,	300 00

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS

OF THE BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN NEEDHAM, ARE FOR THE YEAR 1857.

Births.

Whole number of Births in 1857,	66	Of American Parents,	25
Males,	32	" Irish "	30
Females,	34	" English "	5
		" German "	3
		" Other "	3

Certificates of Marriage.

During the year 1857, there have been in Needham, ... 16
Where both parties belonged to Needham, ... 11
Where but one party, ... 5

There have been returned to the Town Clerk, during the year 1857, five Certificates of Marriage.

Deaths.

The whole number of Deaths in 1857, was 35

Causes of Death.

Consumption,	7	Dropsy,	1
Heart Complaint,	2	Bleeding from Lungs,	1
Croup,	2	Fits,	1
Dysentery,	2	Old Age,	2
Inflammation of the Brain,	2	Accidental,	1
Inflammation of the Bowels,	2	Suicide,	1
Lung Fever,	2	Paralysis,	1
Cholera Infantum,	5	Apoplexy,	2
Typhoid Fever,	1		

Ages.

Under 5 years,	12	Between 40 and 50,	2
Between 5 and 10,	1	" 50 and 60,	3
" 10 and 20,	0	" 60 and 70,	3
" 20 and 30,	4	" 70 and 80,	4
" 30 and 40,	3	" 80 and 90,	3

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Committee chosen at the annual March Meeting to Audit the Treasurer's Account, have attended to that duty, and submit the following Report.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer at the last settlement,.....	$879 73
The Treasurer has received since the last settlement as follows:	
Of C. C. Greenwood, for Maps sold,.....	3 80
Of Commonwealth, for support of State Paupers,.....	15 71
Of Commonwealth, for School Fund,.....	96 47
Of Charlotte Sawyer, (borrowed,).....	100 00
Of George Jennings, Collector of Taxes, ...	11517 58
	$12613 29
The Treasurer has paid out, ...	$12593 50
Due the Town from the Treasurer,.....	$19 79

WILLIAM FLAGG,
GEO. K. DANIELL, } Committee.
WM. PIERCE,

Needham, April 5, 1858.

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance of Stock on hand,	$175 00	By Stock on hand,.....	$159 56
To Cash on hand, ...	107 17	By Purchases,.....	184 06
To Sales,.....	181 18	By Cash on hand,.....	119 73
	$463 35		$463 35

LIQUOR AGENCY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN, FROM THE COMMENCEMENT, AUGUST 9, 1855, TO APRIL 1, 1858.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Cash of the Town,.....	$249 58	By Liquors on hand,.....	$159 56
To Gain,.....	29 71	By Cash on hand,.....	119 73
	$279 29		$279 29

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALMSHOUSE INSTITUTION.

The Committee chosen at the last March Meeting to investigate the affairs of the Almshouse, have attended to that duty, and submit the following Report.

Dr.

To amount of orders drawn for supplies and Warden's services,	$698 91
Rent of Farm,	300 00
Probable Tax,	80 00
Interest on Personal Property,	78 68
Cash in hands of Warden, as per report of last year,	69 48
	$1177 07
	315 64
Balance against the Institution,	$861 43

Cr.

By Gain on Personal Property,	$84 16
Cash on hand,	71 01
Blasting Rocks,	3 00
Leveling around the House,	3 37
Use of Town Hall,	60 00
Lighting and Warming Hall and Office,	6 00
33 Meals furnished Workmen on the Shed,	6 60
113 Meals furnished Town Officers,	22 60
282 Meals furnished Transient Persons,	56 40
Breaking Roads,	2 50
	$315 64

There have been 787 weeks' board at the Almshouse the past year, which, according to the above statement, would be one dollar nine cents and four mills per week. Your Committee were much gratified with the general appearance and management of the Institution. Industry and economy, with a judicious and kind care for the welfare of the inmates, has been, in the opinion of your Committee, the desire and untiring effort of the Warden and his Lady.

Needham, April 1, 1858.

THOMAS KINGSBURY,
EMERY FISK,
BILL BURRILL, 2d,
} Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The Superintending School Committee proceed to comply with their required duty, and ask your attention to the condition of the schools during the past year, together with such suggestions as they may be able to make for their future good.

The South School during the Summer Term was in the care of Jane F. Flagg. Number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 27. This school labors under the disadvantage of being in the midst of a fluctuating population, and the number attending it is dependent upon the state of the manufacturing interest. Other causes tend to remove scholars from the school at different periods in the term time, and to bring in others whose studies have been rather neglected, and who require instruction in the elementary branches. The larger scholars were noticeable as being, with very few exceptions, punctual and faithful to their duties. The teacher was qualified by her labors in the same school the previous season, to do well. The Committee would have preferred to have had her exhibited more energy and life in her manner of teaching. This, with some little attention, she doubtless can accomplish.

The Winter School numbered 38; average attendance, 30; over fifteen years of age, 9. Under the care of their long-tried teacher, Solomon Flagg, the school maintained its standing and is entitled to the praise of having made improvement. The well-known ability which their teacher possesses as a singer, was instrumental to the introduction of excellent music, which evidently added much interest as well as was productive of good to the school. The unabated desire that Mr. Flagg should be continued as their teacher for successive seasons, is evidence of the satisfaction of the parents and scholars with his teachings.

The Summer Term of the Plain School was in the care of Elizabeth Perry. Number of scholars, 66; average attendance, 46. The teacher was indefatigable in her labors, and was very successful in maintaining order and inciting the scholars to study. The scholars were well disposed to second the teacher, and gave evident proof of progress; but the labor of teaching so many young scholars was excessive, and none but a strong and healthy person could have gone through with it; and neither teacher nor scholar could acquit themselves as well as if the school had been smaller.

The Lower Department for the Winter Term, was in the care of Adeline M. Eaton. Number of scholars, 48; average attendance, 36. This teacher has had the experience of several years as an instructor in our schools, and it is no more than just to say, that she has not in the past winter fallen behind her previous reputation. The order of the school was good, and an active, earnest spirit pervaded the exercises.

The Upper Department was in charge of Albert Palmer. Number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20; over fifteen years of age, 6. In clearness of illustration, and in the teaching of principles, the whys and wherefores, Mr. Palmer is second to none. His health has been a drawback to his usual success, and the sickness of some of his best scholars and the death of one, who of her age was not surpassed by any in the school, rendered the closing examination, though satisfactory, less interesting than it otherwise would have been. Mr. Palmer finished his school of five successive winters, with the best wishes for his future of life, and with the regret of those who have known and loved him socially and as a teacher.

The Upper Falls School. — Teacher for the Winter, Mary A. Hollis. Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 22. This school is composed of somewhat varied materials, with a larger proportion of children of foreign parentage than any other school in town. The teacher was able to bring these wild spirits to a good degree of order, and the advance made was observable. The attendance was very irregular, partly a result of the past of those who constitute the majority, and partly from the attractions of the neighboring grove, in which meetings are held very frequently in the summer. Parents are requested to see that their children do not leave the school to attend Pic-nics and other assemblies with which they have no concern.

Teacher for the Winter, Charles A. Johnson. Number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 36; over fifteen years of age, 11. This school in consequence of the stoppage of factory operations, was fuller than usual. The teacher is a worker, patient, kind, yet firm. His aim was

the improvement of his scholars, and he was decidedly successful. The conduct of his largest scholars is to be highly commended.

North School, Lower Department.—Teacher for Summer, Caroline A. Hartwell. Number of scholars, 75; average attendance, 56. This school was too large for one teacher. Her habit of order and the precision which was marked in all her school regulations, turned to good account, and enabled her scholars to profit more by her instruction than they would otherwise have done. The Committee regretted that she felt compelled to leave the school three weeks before the contemplated close, she having an opportunity to do better elsewhere.

Lower Department, Winter Term.—Teacher, Isabella P. Felch. Number of scholars, 42; average attendance, 30. The teacher was very efficient, but though strict, she gained the affections of the scholars, whose conduct was most praiseworthy. The reading was distinct and the final consonants well enunciated.

Higher Department, Winter Term.—Teacher, L. Allen Kingsbury. Number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 31; over fifteen years of age, 4. This teacher brought the experience of a previous year in this school, and the experience of many years in aid of his instructions. He is an active, forceful teacher, not confining himself to the ordinary routine of instruction, but endeavoring to impart the thinking faculty to his scholars, and teaching them principles rather than words; and they will appreciate in after life the worth of his many suggestions.

Grantville School, Summer Term.—Teacher, Charlotte M. Sawer. Number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 42. The same teacher for the Winter Term. Number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 40, About the same scholars attend in Winter and in Summer, and the same remarks apply equally to both schools.

The teacher has been retained for this school, winter and summer terms. with the love of the parents and children, and with general satisfaction. Her school is larger than was expected at the time of locating the house, and it is somewhat difficult to manage so many scholars so near of one age. Her last school and her last examination were pronounced as decidedly her best by good judges,—certainly no small reason for encouragement.

North West School, Winter Term.—Teacher, Ellen R. Seagraves. Number of scholars, 37; average attendance, 24; over fifteen years of age, 7. This school appeared very well during the term. The scholars earnest and interested, the teacher doing good service in their behalf. Their different studies were well learned, and their recitations in Algebra, History and Physiology, were very good. Their house is very much out

of proportion to the number of scholars, and if they have a school continued, they are deserving of better accommodations.

West School, Lower Department—Summer Term.—Marion A. Kingsbury, teacher. Number of Scholars, 42; average attendance, 29. A school of small scholars, but their teacher had them under fair control. She was not very well some days of the term, and the school was under the care of another teacher. Their reading was very distinct, and their recitations prompt and animated. The same teacher had charge of the same school in the winter. Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 33. The health of the teacher was better this term, and the activity and interest of the scholars seemed proportionally increased. There was a good examination at the close.

Upper Department, Summer Term.—Caroline E. Dewing, teacher. Number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 24. This was a graded school, including scholars from the North West, all of whom did not, to the regret of the Committee, avail themselves of the advantages offered by such school. The teacher was very exact, both in regard to the discipline and the language of the scholars. Being distinct in her own manner of speaking, she appeared desirous that they should be very exact and distinct. Possessed of a superior and well cultivated mind, she impressed her scholars with a love of learning, and they made good improvement.

Upper Department, Winter term. — Geo. W. Mansfield, teacher. Number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 38; over fifteen years of age, 15. This school preserved its well-earned reputation, and Mr. Mansfield has gathered fresh laurels with every successive season. Apt and easy, yet clear in his teachings, and genial yet proper in his manner, he has lured his scholars to earnest study, and made school an agreeable place for them. A gift from the school at its closing, tests their appreciation of his services. Success attend him in any new field of labor that may await him!

Centre School, Summer Term.—Angeline E. Hofses, teacher. Number of scholars, 69; average attendance, 46. This school, as others that have been mentioned, is too large for one teacher. Miss Hofses is of remarkably healthy organization and succeeded where others had failed. The order of the school was good, the improvement fair, and there was no want of pains-taking on her part. If she pressed the younger scholars somewhat hard, it was a failing that leaned to virtue's side.

Lower Department, Winter Term.—The same teacher. Number of scholars, 42; average attendance, 35. A decided improvement was manifest. The teacher improves upon nearer acquaintance. The schol-

ars seemed very much interested in their studies and have made good use of their time during the winter.

Upper Department, Winter Term.—Wilson Palmer, teacher. Number of scholars, 29 ; average attendance, 26 ; over fifteen years of age, 11. This school has never appeared better than during the past winter. A fixed purpose of study was observable to any one who visited the school. Their teacher applied himself faithfully to his duties. In teaching, nothing was passed over hastily without understanding its meaning. Thorough teaching was the motto, rather than much gone over, and an examination second to none was the natural result.

The Committee have thus pointed out some of the peculiar excellences, or their opposites, of each school, as seen in its teacher and scholars. They would add to the above remarks, that in their opinion, the town has reason to be satisfied with the instruction imparted. The record of those who have taught for successive seasons, and their merits, have been spread before you each year of their teaching, and the present board can heartily say, that the new teachers have not fallen behind the old. When a perfect teacher is discovered, we may discover a perfect school.

In a large majority of the schools there was singing, in some, of superior excellence, in those schools especially where the teachers themselves were superior singers. The Reading in all the schools was good; the voices louder and the enunciation more distinct than has been usual, and particular attention appeared to have been directed to Spelling. In Mathematics, from Mental Arithmetic to Algebra, the aim seemed to be thoroughness and the inculcating of principles, and not the working of questions and solution of problems. Geography was taught in most cases by the use of maps, drawn generally by the scholars themselves, who described the characters and customs of the inhabitants of different countries, the rivers, mountains, capitals and boundaries of the same; in some cases by reciting passages from the books, and in other cases in answer to various questions. There was a manifest improvement in the handwriting of the scholars, and their writing books were evidently taken good care of.

A few in each of the schools were not absent once during the several terms, and the record of attendance is very good, especially the first weeks of the winter. Too many absences are still recorded, and parents and friends are entreated to be more careful that the children lose none of the valuable instruction of the schools. Sickness is recorded upon the registers with sad frequency, and death has found an entrance among the scholars. The conduct of the scholars, as regards subordination in school hours, and going to and from school, has been generally good. The number of children over fifteen, and their evident purpose to have a good

school, doubtless contributed not a little to this result. Where the larger scholars are ambitious to do well, much of the teacher's work is relieved, and the value of his services greatly enhanced. It is an unsettled question where the teacher's province ends and the parent's begins, after the pupil has left the school house; and the precise limit need not be fixed if teacher and parent will only co-operate, the one to see the scholars safely and surely started for home, and the other require them to be at home after school is done. In this way some damage to the school houses might be prevented, and the children form the habit of being regular both in going to and coming from school.

In the present situation of our school houses, their distance from the homes of the children, during the noontime they seem to be unavoidably left to their occupation, and often without intending it, some accidents will occur. Town property, especially buildings which are left vacant for a considerable time, needs the double protection of the law and the people, who are the owners and must pay for repairs: and he who sees boys throwing stones at a school house, or has reason to know that a trespass has been committed upon the premises, is as much bound to prosecute the parties engaged in the affair, as any citizen is bound to proceed against any one committing a crime known to the law. No one person can control this evil, but it belongs to each and every man to be watchful, that no public property be injured without the detection and punishment of the injurer. It will not answer to throw the responsibility off from the citizen and put it upon the police officer or the Committee.

It is the crowning glory of our common school system, that it offers an equal opportunity for being instructed to individuals of every condition in life, and the truest expression of its idea is in the affording to every child an equal portion of time with every other in the advantages of schooling. The wise abolition of the districts by this town a few years ago, never it is hoped, to be restored, allows each school to be kept the same number of weeks, and measures our education, not at so much a head, but with an equal, impartial hand, by which rich and poor can be equally fed, without distinction of color or race.

No doubt it is well to have the schools as nearly alike in numbers as possible. A small school may have its advantages, but the emulation of numbers is often desirable, and as many as a teacher can instruct to profit is better than not enough. And it may sometimes happen that in two contiguous schools, the one is too small for the interest of the scholar, and the other much too large for the care of one teacher. In such case, true wisdom would seem to indicate that a balance should be struck, the one imparting to the other of its surplus. Where the school house is

convenient for the purpose, a graded school might be established, and by a separation of the more advanced from the younger, each age be better instructed, and from the two larger schools, burdensome to the teacher when ungraded, a third might be formed for the summer or winter term, and perhaps for both, which should partake of the character of a high school. The Committee simply recommend this course, and ask you to think upon it. The situation of our school houses at present, renders this plan somewhat inconvenient: but where there is an earnest desire for a better way, these inconveniences may be made to disappear and a compromise effected, which shall have a good result.

With the abolition of the districts, the office of prudential committee was discontinued. An office of small pay and great trouble, which few were willing to take, and fewer still were qualified for, as far as the contracting for teachers was concerned. Indeed, the conflict of good nature in the bosom of the prudential committee, when day after day had been spent in procuring teachers only to have them rejected by the superintending committee, and the late hour at which school generally began on Monday, were fearful facts for our bravest spirits, and they shrank from their appointed duties.

In schools, as in machines, the simplest contrivances for doing the work if equally effectual, are the best. The largest committee would be powerless without the sympathy and aid of the people, and the smallest committee allowed by law, strong and effective with their co-operation. The best testimony of interest in the schools which the parent can give, is to send his children to school and keep them there, and occasionally visit there himself; invite the teacher to his house and converse with him; in a word, let the parent show that he is in earnest about the education of those committed to him, and that he values the teacher's profession sufficiently to treat him with decent respect. If he has had a voice in electing men qualified for the office of superintending committee, who he has no right to suppose are less interested than himself for the cause of education, why should he complain because he is not consulted in the particular management of the schools? Why should his zeal become cool because he is not invited to share in the heat of the conflict? Can no nobler motive than official distinction suffice to interest the father for the education of his children, or are the committees so false to duty that they are giving privileges to one section of the town in preference to other sections, so that they require a representative to plead for them? The Committee are decidedly of opinion, that a board composed of three persons is more efficient for the good conduct of the schools, than a larger number. Three always ensures a majority for doing business, and while they would

willingly divide the responsibility and the duty with others, they would be false to their convictions if they did not urge upon the town the undesirableness of any change in that respect.

The Committee would call your attention to the difficulty of retaining good teachers, unless they reside at home, for any length of time in the same school. The good teacher is prized, and we come in competition occasionally with other towns which offer more pay than we have been in the habit of giving. One teacher had engaged to keep a school elsewhere at $55.00 per month, but was unable to fulfil the engagement, and kept here for $42.00. Another teacher, after having engaged to keep one of our schools, was applied to to take a school in the neighborhood at $50.00 per month; and still another who has been very efficient this winter in her duty, has been applied to to take charge of a summer and winter school, with pay above what we can offer, and we must part with her. Other teachers whom we should be glad to retain, say they must have more pay than they had last summer, if they teach again for us. No one can say what effect the hard times may have upon the wages of teachers, or whether competition may not be so great as to leave them at the mercy of committees. It would doubtless be desirable to secure first-rate teachers at as low a price as possible, but we should be sure that they are such. For it might well be matter of surprise, that the citizens of our towns should cut down the wages of those whose importance to the life of our society cannot be questioned. A good teacher then, is liable to receive good wages, and if we wish to obtain or retain such, we must pay them well. Parents complain of long vacations, but they complain also of high wages. Unless the town add to its money grants, if we pay higher wages we must have longer vacations, or have less valuable teachers at lower wages. The policy of employing female teachers for our higher schools during the winter, would be unquestioned, if the larger scholars, the boys in particular, could be persuaded to attend, or would be under a healthy control. To remove boys from the school-room at an age when it is most important they should be there, when one or two winter terms are worth more to them than any other six have been, is seen at once to be a wrong step, to which the savings of hundreds of dollars would be no equivalent. Besides, there are but few females to be obtained, who can govern equally with men, who have minds much inferior to theirs! Young America is too rampant and defiant to submit to woman's control, and the experiment, though sometimes successful, has to be given up in the course of every few years, as boys approach to manhood. Whether there is a radical defect in the condition of a people who uphold or tolerate such views, your Committee do not propose to enquire. It is enough, that the opinion

exists to a greater or less extent, and that they must shape their plans accordingly. In the summer term the difficulty will be better met, as the larger boys do not usually attend.

The Committee cannot forbear repeating in this connection, what has been before alluded to, the expression of their satisfaction, that so many of the large scholars have been present in the schools the past year. They have added, almost without exception, character to the schools, by their orderly conduct, their earnest endeavor to profit by their studies. It is to be hoped they will be in no hurry to leave the school for the strife of the world, while the opportunity is afforded them to learn more from books.

There is a division of opinion in the community in regard to the furnishing of books for the use of the schools. Towns are authorized to give the superintending committee power to supply books at the town's expense. It is the legal and imperative duty of the committee, to see that every scholar is furnished with books, whose parent or guardian neglects so to do, and in cases where the parent is unable, the town is required to furnish the supply and pay the bill. Where the parent neglects or refuses when able, the assessors are required to include the amount due in the taxes of the year ensuing. The Committee are of the opinion, that, although in some instances, as of large families with moderate means, it may seem hard, yet on the whole it is better, that individuals find their own books. Better care will be more likely to be taken of them, and they will be valued somewhat in proportion to their cost. At the same time, if from the number of persons unable to pay the amounts due for books, the cost is increased upon those who have their own to pay for, and also their proportion of the increased tax, it might be a question whether the fairest way would not be to equalize the expense, by apportioning the whole cost upon the whole property of the town. There is an inconvenience in the distribution of books, which is worth a moment's attention. The books should be in some public place, accessible to the scholar, during any part of the term, so that he should not be without a book for a single day. Booksellers will furnish books at wholesale prices for the use of the schools, and in this way the expense is very much lessened. But our store-keepers are reluctant to keep books on hand, and whenever they are wanted, there is extra expense in sending to the city, besides a large expenditure of time by the Committee. It would be well if some plan were devised, by which the books could be distributed at the lowest prices, and the store-keepers reimbursed for their trouble.

The Committee trust that they are not departing from their duty, when they press upon the town the needs of the people of the North School, of

a school house. The ill-arrangement of the higher department of this school, and its inconvenient connection with the lower, must strike any one at all conversant with the subject. If the action of the town was hasty and ill-advised in locating Grantville school-house, it offers no reason which should prevent fair and honest demands from being complied with in respect to the North; and the same may be said of the North West. It has been intimated above, that if the North West School is continued, a school-house should be built for them. The Committee think that the building they use is altogether too contracted for the purposes of a school.

The Committee have thus presented to the town some suggestions in regard to the schools, which have arisen in their own minds in the course of the past year. They have preferred to dwell upon these practical themes, leaving theories and methods of teaching, either to a future time, or to your own investigation. It would be well for every citizen to read upon subjects connected with education, and to learn the state of schools elsewhere, that a comparison might be drawn with those of his own town. In this way, a knowledge would be gained of the progress of good learning, and of the required means for keeping pace with the advancing tide of education.

The Committee commend the action of the town, in adding four hundred dollars the past year, to their grant of money for the schools for the preceeding year. Such a grant, it is hoped, will never diminish, but be ever on the increase.

And now in concluding their report, the Committee earnestly urge, that no subjects of a personal or private nature, be allowed to interfere with, or prevent with us the intended benefits of the common school. Bequeathed to us by a noble ancestry, who always planted it by the side of their sacred and honored church, be it ours to maintain and transmit it, disregarding differences of opinion in other matters, as diffusive in its influences as the air of heaven, as liberal in its privileges as the rain and sun-light. Let our children gather from week to week and year to year, gladly and profitably, to its open portals, and neither poverty nor race, color nor caste, deprive one son or daughter of this goodly heritage.

For the Committee,

BENJ. G. KIMBALL.

NEEDHAM, April 5, 1858.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FROM

April 1, 1858, to Feb. 15, 1859.

DEDHAM:
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1859.

REPORT.

Repairs of Highways.

NORTH DISTRICT.

Paid Henry L. Howe, for Labor on Highways,..... $300 00

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

Willard Hurd, for Labor on Highways,..... 99 64

WEST DISTRICT.

Augustus Stevens, for Labor on Highways,..... 282 00

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

Saul S. Seagraves, for Labor on Highways,..... 60 00

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Samuel Cooper, for Labor on Highways,..... 125 00

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Lewis Sumner, for Labor on Highways,..... 100 00

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Bill Burrill, 2d, for Labor on Highways,..... 110 88

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

John A. Griggs, for Labor on Highways,..... 100 00

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

George G. Stevens, for Labor on Highways, ... 185 00

EAST DISTRICT.

George O. Kingsbury, for Labor on Highways,..... 135 00

James L. Tarbox, for Labor on Highways,..... 5 00

$1502 52

Support of Poor in Almshouse.

Paid Ezekiel Peabody for Services at Almshouse for three months ending June 30, 1858,	$75 00
E. Peabody, for supplies furnished Almshouse,	96 82
E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months ending Sept. 30, 1858,	75 00
E. Peabody, for supplies furnished Almshouse,	143 11
E. Peabody, for services at Almshouse for three months ending Dec. 31, 1858,	75 00
Dr. Josiah Noyes for Medical Attendance at the Almshouse for the Paupers, for the years 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857,	59 80
S. G. Williams, for Three Tons Hard Coal,	19 50
E. Peabody, for balance of accounts for supplies furnished the Almshouse to Feb. 14, 1859,	25 59
E. Peabody, for services at the Almshouse from Jan. 1st, to Feb. 15th, 1859,	37 50
E. Peabody, for sundry articles furnished the Almshouse to Feb. 14, 1859,	5 35
	$612 67

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

Paid C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for goods furnished L. P. Jennison, C. A. Hinds, and Mrs. Ai Bailey,	$15 34
William D. Woodcock, for boarding his mother 20 weeks,	5 00
George Howland, for cash paid the City of Boston for the support of Martha W. Jackson,	9 00
George Howland, for cash paid the Town of Medway for support of Warren Coffee and Family,	4 50
E. Peabody, for removing the Mitchell Family to State Almshouse, cash paid the Town of Sterling for support of Jerusha Smith and travelling expenses,	21 50
William D. Woodcock, for boarding his Mother 29 weeks,	7 25
George E. Eaton, for Wood furnished L. P. Jennison,	3 25
John Harper, for services rendered as nurse to the family of Duclous,	15 00
E. C. Dudley, for Wood furnished Duclous Family,	17 50
William Flagg, for cash paid State Lunatic Hospital for support of Benjamin F. Slack,	72 91
Dr. James H. Grant, for Medical and Surgical Attendance on Daniel Haggerty, from Jan. 17 to April 25, 1858,	50 00
Galen Orr, for cash paid the Town of Milton for assistance rendered the Family of G. T. Hastings,	45 50
Thomas Kingsbury, for cash paid Town of Holliston for support of Luther P. Jennison,	25 10
John Harper, for balance of services as nurse for Duclous family,	20 00
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for supplies furnished L. P. Jennison,	7 00
	$318 85

Support of Schools.

NORTH SCHOOL.—TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid C. A. Hartwell, for services as Teacher, 19 weeks,	$95 00
Henrietta Stevens, for services as Teacher, 19 weeks,	76 00
S. G. Williams, for Coal,	31 50
John Hastings, for making fires and sweeping house,	6 50
L. Allen Kingsbury, in part for Teaching,	75 00
	$284 00

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Mary A. Hollis, for Teaching 19 weeks,	$95 98
Reuben Hurd, for Wood furnished, and for Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	22 96
Reuben Hurd, for Wood furnished, and Cutting the same; also for taking care of School House in 1857 and 1858,	12 25
Reuben Hurd, for Brooms, taking care of House, &c.	5 60
	$136 79

GREAT PLAIN SCHOOL—TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid George G. Stevens, for Wood furnished, Sawing and Splitting the same, Cleaning House and Making Fires in 1857 and 1858,	$12 50
George G. Stevens, for Wood furnished, and Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	42 50
Ellen J. Foss, for services as Teacher 18 weeks,	99 84
A. M. Eaton, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,	95 00
	$249 84

CENTRE SCHOOL—TWO DEPARTMENTS (IN WINTER).

Paid Benjamin Kimball, for Making Fires and taking care of School House, &c., in 1857 and 1858,	$8 13
Mary Hofses, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,	95 00
Daniel Kimball, for Wood furnished,	24 50
	$127 63

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Hellen Seagraves, for services as Teacher 16 weeks, including Pails, Dipper, and use of Pump,	$68 87
Saul S. Seagraves, for Wood furnished, and Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,	22 00
	$90 87

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Jane F. Flagg, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,.....	$95 00
William Pierce, for Wood furnished, and Sawing, Splitting and Piling the same,.....	27 50
William Pierce, for Wood furnished in Winter of 1858,.....	3 50
	$126 00

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid D. S. J. Davenport, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,.....	$95 00
Solomon Flagg, for Wood furnished, and Sawing, Splitting, and Piling the same,.....	37 21
Caroline E. Dewing, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,.....	104 50
	$236 71

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid C. Kennedy, for Making Fires in 1857 and 1858,.....	$4 00
Charlotte M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher 19 weeks,.....	95 00
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Wood furnished,.....	20 31
Alvin Fuller, 2d, for Wood furnished, Cutting the same, and taking care of the School House,.....	18 50
	137 81

Necessary Town Charges.

Paid Benjamin G. Kimball, for services as School Committee and making the Report,.....	$40 72
Jonathan Avery, for Re-laying Wall, and Repairing Rails on Town Road near Reuben Hurd's,.....	30 63
E. Peabody, for cash paid for Printing Notices for April Meeting, and distributing the same,.....	9 50
Robert Mansfield, for use of Room for School 20 weeks,.....	21 00
Lewis Sumner, for 60 Fence Posts delivered at Town House,....	7 50
E. Peabody, for cash paid for Printing Notices for Town Meeting April 19th, 1858, and distributing the same,.....	9 50
William Pierce, for Painting done in South School House,.....	2 45
C. S. Flagg, for services of Engine Men,.....	50 00
G. A. Billings, for services of Engine Men,.....	40 00
George L. Kingsbury, for 3 days' Labor on Barn Shed at Town Farm,.....	4 50
T. N. Smith, for Lumber for Bridges, Railings, and Barn Shed,.	18 09
George Howland, for Spikes, Nails and Labor on Bridges and Railing,.....	20 42
William Flagg, in part for money paid for expenses in defending the suit between D. M. Gerry and the Town,.....	250 00
A. B. Childs, for Repairing Culvert and Treading Snow, in the North West District,.....	8 12

Paid Saul S. Seagraves, for one-half acre of Land purchased for School House,.....	100	00
G. O. Kingsbury, for Treading Down Snow in the Upper Falls District,.....	4	37
George Howland, for Chairs and Cushions for Centre School House,.....	7	25
William Flagg, for services on Committees,.....	6	00
Cox & Hutchins for printing Town and School Reports, also 30 Assessors' Notices,.....	39	50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts for six months interest,.....	150	00
William Flagg for money paid in part for expenses in defending the suit between D. M. Gerry and the Town,.....	250	00
Samuel Walcott for abatement of tax on Real Estate,.....		78
Solomon Flagg for services in preparing Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the town, and two journeys to Dedham,.	17	00
E. Peabody for services as Liquor Agent,.....	50	00
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Wood, Labor and Materials for repairing North School House,.....	14	08
George Jennings for cash paid for printing 2400 Tax Bills,.....	12	00
Bill Burrill, 2d, for services as Committee to investigate the affairs of the Alms-house,.....	2	00
John A. Griggs for repairing road at Saul Fuller's Brook,.....	6	48
Luther Richards, Administrator of Estate of Luther Colburn, for abatement of tax on Personal Estate,.....	3	60
Jonathan Fuller for laying wall, filling up with earth, putting on Railing and furnishing and setting ten bounds on the McCrackin road, ...	55	00
Emery Fisk for services on Committee to investigate the affairs of the Alms-house,.....	2	00
Frederick Freimouth for abatement of tax on dog,.....	5	00
Heirs of Curtis McIntosh for abatement of tax on Personal property and one dog,.....	4	60
Noah Perrin for abatement of tax on Personal property,.....	12	15
William Glancey for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	1	00
Asa R. Pierce for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	1	00
William Eaton for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	1	00
Edwin Evans for abatement of tax on Personal property,.....	9	36
Thomas Whalin for abatement of tax on Personal property, ...	1	96
Thomas Ryan for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	5	00
James Crowley for abatement of tax on one dog, ...	1	00
Clarissa Fulton for abatement of tax on personal property,.....	4	32
Brackett Lord for abatement of tax on personal property,.....	3	60
John Glancey for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	5	00
John Mitchell for abatement of tax on one dog,.....	1	00
E. Peabody for Vane and fixtures put on Town Barn,.....	15	00
S. Flagg, J. Avery and S. G. Williams for services as Assessors,	175	00
T. N. Smith, in part for building School House in the North District,.....	500	00
John L. Lincoln, in part for building School House in the North West District, ...	300	00
Charlotte Sawyer for interest on note against the town, ...	12	00
Charlotte Sawyer's note and interest against the town,.....	104	50
E. C. Dudley for use of horse and man to draw engine to the fire near Libby's,.....	1	50
George Howland for stationery for the town,.....	1	78

Paid George Howland for lumber and labor for repairing bridges,.....	20	98
Nathan C. Estes for abatement of tax erroneously assessed in 1857,.....		98
Elizabeth Jones for abatement of tax on Personal property of her husband, (deceased,) G. B. Jones,.....	2	88
Otis Morton for abatement of tax,.....	1	00
George Jennings for abatement of taxes on Polls and dogs,.....	27	00
Jane Wright for abatement of tax on Personal property,.....	1	32
Henry L. Howe for digging and stoning cellar for the North School House,.....	95	00
John Clark for abatement of tax on personal property,.....	2	16
George Jennings six per cent. discount and 1 1-2 per cent. commission allowed said Jennings, as Collector, agreeable to a vote of the town, and paid town Treasurer,.....	220	87
George Jennings for abatement of Poll taxes,.....	15	00
George Jennings for abatement of taxes on dogs,.....	20	00
Robert Mansfield for use of room for School in North West District 18 weeks,.....	18	00
Frederick Wendt for settling Well at West School House,.....	4	67
William Flagg for fees of attorney in the case of G. M. Gerry against the town,.....	50	00
T. N. Smith the second payment on contract for building School House in North District,.....	500	00
John L. Lincoln in part payment for building School House in North West District,.....	200	00
E. Peabody for drawing lumber and building bridge on Lovewell road,.....	8	29
George Howland for one cask of spikes and express for same,...	3	63
Thomas Kingsbury for money paid on Charlotte's note which she holds against the town,.....	130	00
Galen Orr for services on roads and bridges, meeting County Commissioners, putting out contracts and specifications for roads, and meetings at Town House for doing town business from March 2d to Oct. 4th, 1858,.....	34	00
George Howland for services on roads and bridges, meeting County Commissioners, putting out contracts and specifications for roads, and meetings at Town House for doing town business from March 2d to Oct. 4th, 1858,.....	33	00
Nathaniel Wales for services on roads and bridges, meeting County Commissioners, putting out contracts and specifications for roads, and meeting at Town House for doing town business from March 2d to Oct. 4th, 1858,.....	21	50
J. W. Greenwood for damage done to wagon in consequence of defect in highway,.....	25	00
John L. Lincoln in full payment for building School House in North West District,.....	354	00
T. N. Smith in full for building School House in North District,	962	50
William Jones for building and pointing wall on town road near First Parish Meeting House,.....	92	50
William Flagg for building road on Lovewell street as per contract,.....	290	00
William Flagg for building wall on Lovewell road and other extra work,.....	35	00
William Flagg for expenses incurred in suit between D. M. Gerry and the town,.....	200	00

Paid John Kingsbury, 2d, for carting gravel from Meeting House Hill,	17	50
George L. Kingsbury for putting up Railing and two Window Frames for Town House,	3	75
George Jennings for money paid Stephen H. Phillips for advice and written document in relation to taxes and other town matters,	50	00
Lauren Kingsbury for furnishing materials and building a foot bridge at the Upper Falls,	46	62
Lauren Kingsbury for services on Committe for building School Houses,	7	00
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr. for moving Clock and Stove from North School House,		75
Abijah Greenwood for labor in putting up Furniture in new School House, and services as Committee for building School Houses,	20	00
Reuben Hurd for repairs on East School House,	3	00
Samuel Cooper for labor on bridges in West Centre District,	5	00
C. & J. A. Underwood for labor and materials furnished for underpinning the North West School House,	52	25
S. H. Dickerson for Stove, Funnel and Zinc for North West School House,	19	70
William Jones for repairing and pointing Wall at the Centre School House,	12	25
William Freeman for abatement of tax on dog,	1	00
F. A. W. Gay for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	1	44
Thomas E. Morse for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2	16
Bill Burrill, 2d, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	3	60
Estate of M. Kibbler for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2	52
Isaac Lovewell for abatement of tax on Real Estate,		36
Michael J. Flaharty for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2	88
George Revere for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	3	24
Frederick Wendt for digging and bricking Well at the North School House,	15	75
Thomas Kingsbury for interest paid the State Treasurer on the Town's note,	150	00
George Jennings for two policies on School Houses, for printing Tax bills, and selling the North School House,	64	94
S. Flagg, J. Avery, and S. G. Williams for reassessing the taxes for the year 1858,	28	00
Solomon Flagg for services as Town Clerk six months, from March 1st, 1858, services as School Committee to Nov. 1st, 1858, and Postage on Letters and Books,	46	53
S. G. Williams for freight on Furniture for School Houses, 1000 Brick and carting the same, and 55 Cedar Posts,	42	17
Esther Flagg for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	3	60
A. C. Curtis for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	21	60
Heirs of Curtis McIntosh for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2	02
William Flagg for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2	88
Adam Beck for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	14	40
Henry L. Howe for building vault and underpining School House in North District,	18	25
William Flagg for extra work and materials on Lovewell road,	47	67
Walter Bowers, for building a vault and underpinning at North West School House,	17	00

Paid Charles Rice, Jr. for lumber furnished for bridge on Lovewell road,	25	27
William Pierce for repairs on South School House,	5	37
Henry L. Howe for labor done on bridge in North Highway District,	22	12
E. Peabody for printing notices and distributing the same for November Town Meeting,	9	50
J. J. Gould for cash paid for refreshments furnished at the fire of Thomas Rice's Mill,	31	66
Thomas Kingsbury for money paid State Treasurer for State Tax for 1858,	522	00
Charles Rice for lumber furnished for bridges and railing,	33	70
George Stevens for repairs on Great Plain School House,	1	25
Alvin Fuller, 2d, for repairs on Grantville School House,	1	33
George Jennings for services as Constable in serving notices,	25	85
William Flagg for payment in part for expenses in the suit of D. M. Gerry against the town,	700	00
Reuben Hurd for repairs on East School House,	4	05
Franklin Stevens for labor on the grounds of North West School House,	54	50
S. G. Williams for cash paid for Furniture for North and North West School Houses, also for Stoves and Funnel for the same,	461	46
George Spring for labor and materials for building fences to enclose the North and North West School Houses,	263	18
Thomas Kingsbury for balance paid on Otis Sawyer's note,	75	42
S. G. Williams for Furniture and Fixtures for Stoves, &c., for North and North West School Houses,	22	88
E. C. Dudley for horse and man for drawing Engines to fires,	4	50
Thomas Kingsbury for building the McCrackin road as per contract,	373	00
Mrs. Kibler for damage done to Wagon in consequence of defect in highway,	6	00
George Howland for Chair and Cushion for Centre School House, and Postage Stamps,	3	95
J. J. Gould for refreshments furnished Engine Companies at fire of Rice's Mill,	23	34
Thomas Kingsbury for extra work on McCrackin road, on bridge on Lovewell road, journey to Milton and taking acconnt of stock at Alms-house,	13	00
William Flagg for services as Building Committee on School Houses,	10	00
William Flagg for Posts and setting the same, Nails, and putting Railing on Lovewell road,	32	21
William Flagg for services and money paid on the suit between D. M. Gerry and the town,	103	56
George Spring for materials and labor on North School House, drawing plans and specifications for School Houses, and services as Building Committee on the same,	27	85
Henry L. Stone for Stove-pipe and Hooks, and putting up the same in Grantville School House,	9	45
S. G. Williams for repairing Clock and Scraper at North School House, also for services as Committee for building School Houses,	28	00
Thomas Kingsbury for services as Treasurer from April 1st, 1858 to Feb 15th, 1859,	78	68

Paid Thomas Kingsbury for cash paid the Dedham Bank on notes discounted,	106 25
George G. Stevens for repairs on Great Plain School House, and on bridge,	6 51
J. M. Harris for survey and plan of road from A. McCrackin's to Forest Street,	5 00
Lauren Kingsbury for services in meeting Commissioners on road, and Selectmen in laying out roads,	8 00
L. Allen Kingsbury for services as School Committee, also for books furnished,	27 64
George Jennings for abatement of Poll taxes,	4 08

Cost of Building the North and North West School Houses.

T. N. Smith for building North School House as per contract,	$1962 00
John L. Lincoln for building North West School House as per contract,	854 00
Henry L. Howe for digging and stoning cellar North School House,	95 00
Lauren Kingsbury for services on Committee for School Houses,	7 00
Abijah Greenwood for labor in putting up Furniture in North School House, and services as Committee for building School Houses,	20 00
C. & J. A. Underwood for labor and materials furnished for underpining North West School House,	52 25
S. H. Dickerson for Stove, Funnel and Zinc for North West School House,	19 70
Frederick Wendt for digging and bricking Well at North School House,	15 75
S. G. Williams for freight on Furniture, 1000 Brick, 55 Cedar Posts, and carting the same for North School House,	42 17
Henry L. Howe for building vault and underpinning at North School House,	18 25
Walter Bowers for building vault and underpinning at North West School House,	17 00
Franklin Stevens for labor on the grounds around the North West School House,	54 50
S. G. Williams for cash paid for Furniture for North and North West School Houses, also for Stoves and Funnel for the same,	461 46
George Spring for labor and materials for building Fences to enclose the North and North West School Houses,	263 18
S. G. Williams for Furniture and Fixtures for Stoves, &c., for North and North West School Houses,	22 88
William Flagg for services as Building Committee on School Houses,	10 00

George Spring for labor and materials on North School House, drawing plans and specifications, and services as Committee for building School Houses,	27 85
S. G. Williams for Scraper and services as Committee for building School Houses,	26 50
Saul S. Seagraves for one half acre of land for North West School House,	100 00
	$4069 49

New Roads.

Paid Thomas Kingsbury, for building McCrackin Road, as per contract, $373—extra work, $8,	$381 00
William Flagg, for building Lovewell Road, as per contract, $290—extra work and materials, $116 88,	406 88

Recapitulation.

Paid for Repairs of Highways,	$1502 52
Support of Poor,	931 52
Support of Schools,	1389 65
Necessary Town Charges, including Discounts and Abatements on Taxes,	9627 93
	$13451 62

Grants and Appropriations for the Year.

For Support of Schools, including proceeds of Wood Sale on School Lands, and ninety dollars interest on School Fund,	$2500 00
For Support of Poor,	800 00
For Repair of Highways,	1500 00
For Discounts and Abatements on Taxes,	1000 00
For Necessary Town Charges,	5500 00
	$11300 00

Committed to Collector in Addition to Grants.

State Tax,	$522 00
County Tax,	735 76
Dog Tax,	224 00
Overlayings,	621 60
Brought down, as per list above,	11300 00
Total,	$13403 36

Auditors' Report.

At a meeting held April 19th, 1859, the Town voted that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be a Committee to audit the accounts for the current year; to investigate the affairs of the Alms House; to settle with the Town Treasurer up to February 15th, 1859, and cause the same to be printed for distribution at or before the Annual March Meeting.

THOMAS KINGSBURY, ESQ., TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance in hands of Treasurer, April 1st, 1859,....	$19 79	By cash paid Estate of Otis Sawyer, being Note against the Town, with interest,.....	$321 92
Cash received of C. C. Greenwood, for Town Maps,	1 10	" " " Commonwealth, for interest, ...	300 00
" " " Geo. E. Eaton, for sale of Wood on School Land,.....	205 33	" " " State Tax,.....	522 00
" " from the Commonwealth School Fund,	99 75	" " " Orders drawn during the year up to February 15th, 1859,.....	12307 70
" " of Dedham Institution for Savings, borrowed of them on demand,..	2500 00		$13451 62
" " " George Jennings, for sale of School House in North District,.....	170 00	" " in Treasury,.....	1050 04
" " " W. Flagg, Guardian of Mrs Slack,	14 50		$14501 66
" " " Ezekiel Peabody, Liquor Agent, in full for money on hand for sale of Liquors,.....	59 49		
" " " Dedham Bank, money borrowed,..	979 50		
" " " George Jennings, Collector, for Taxes of 1858,.....	10452 20		
	$14501 66		

GALEN ORR,
NATH'L WALES, JR.
GEORGE HOWLAND,
SOLOMON FLAGG,
} AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Report of the Committee on the Alms House Institution.

Dr.		Cr.	
To amount of orders drawn for supplies and Warden's services, including attendance of Dr. Noyes for six years,	$612 67	By Gain on Personal Property,	$231 47
" Rent of Farm,	300 00	" Use of Town Hall,	60 00
" Probable Tax on Property,	30 00	" Lighting and Warming Hall and Office,	6 00
" Interest on Personal Property,	98 63	" 60 Meals furnished Town Officers,	12 00
" Cash in hands of Warden, as per Report of last year,	71 01	" 409 Meals furnished Transient Persons,	81 80
	$1112 31	" Levelling Bank, Blasting Rocks, and Building Wall near House,	27 25
	436 39	" Covering Bridge, and Levelling Pound Bottom,	12 87
Balance against the Institution,	$675 92	" Notifying Surveyors, and getting Signers to Remonstrance against the Annexation of part of Roxbury to Boston,	5 00
			$436 39

There have been 747 weeks' and 3 days' board at the Almshouse the past year, which, according to the above statement, would be ninety cents and four mills per week. Your Committee were much gratified with the general appearance and management of the Institution. Industry and economy, with a judicious and kind care for the welfare of the inmates, has been, in the opinion of your Committee, the desire and untiring effort of the Warden and his Lady.

pers, within the past two years, there are some liquor agents who do not seem to know how to keep their accounts. Thus the town of Needham in its annual statement of receipts and expenditures, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1859, contained a statement, in due form, of the accounts of the liquor agency, in which the agent showed a balance of cash on hand of $59 49. The account was audited and allowed, but upon being submitted to an expert, Mr. George N. Comer, the well known accountant of this city, he demonstrated from the figures of the agent that the sum of $59 49 represented as the cash on hand, was too little by the sum of $43 67, that amount being still due to the town from the agent, over and above the cash on hand. There is no suspicion of dishonesty on the part of the agent, the deficit resulting simply from ignorance of the proper manner of keeping the accounts—an ignorance which was shared by the auditing committee. Probably if the accounts of many other liquor agents were overhauled, there would be found a similar loss to the towns.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance of stock on hand,..		n hand,.....	$203 23
To cash on hand,.....		ases,.....	154 88
To sales,.....		n hand,.....	59 49
			$417 60

Liquor Agency in account with the Town, from the commencement, August 9, 1855, to Feb. 15, 1859.

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash of the Town,.....	$249 58	By Liquors on hand,.....	$203 23
To Gain, ...	13 14	By cash on hand,.....	59 49
	$262 72		$262 72

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS

OF THE BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN NEEDHAM, ARE FOR THE YEAR 1858.

Births.

Whole number of Births.....54
Males,.....26
Females,.....28

Of American Parents,.....15
" Irish " 29
" English " 6
" Dutch " 1
" Scotch " 1
" Canadian " 1
" Nova Scotia " 1

Certificates of Marriage.

During the year 1858 there have been in Needham,.....19
Where both parties belonged to Needham,.....11
Where but one party,..... 8

There have been returned to the Town Clerk during the year 1858, twelve Certificates of Marriage.

Deaths.

The whole number of Deaths in 1858, was.....26

Causes of Death.

Consumption.....10
Typhoid Fever,..... 3
Lung Fever,..... 1
Apoplexy,..... 1
Scarlet Fever,..... 1
Dropsy,..... 2
Inflammation,..... 1

Cholera Infantum,.....1
Influenza,.....1
Old Age,.....1
Casualty,.....1
Exposure,.....1
Unknown,.....1
Accidental,.....1

Ages.

Under 5 years,.....3
Between 5 and 10.....3
" 10 and 20.....0
" 20 and 30.....2
" 30 and 40.....4
" 40 and 50.....3

Between 50 and 60.....3
" 60 and 70.....3
" 70 and 80 3
" 80 and 90 1
" 90 and 100 1

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

Report of the School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

For the Year 1858-9.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: — According to your request, and the laws of this Commonwealth, the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Needham, beg leave to make the following Report: —

SOUTH SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — MISS JANE F. FLAGG, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 22. This is Miss Flagg's third term of teaching this school, and as we anticipated, we have noticed a gradual improvement from the first. The scholars read very well, and generally with a good, distinct tone of voice. More life and animation were observed in the school the last term than formerly.

WINTER TERM — MR. ALANSON PALMER, of N. H., Teacher. Number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 26. Mr. Palmer's scholars' answers and mode of demonstration and thought, clearly showed

they were under the instruction of a good teacher. There are still quite too many absent and tardy marks on the register of this school. A remedy for these lies almost entirely in the hands of the parents and guardians, who must, *themselves*, take a deeper interest in their children's improvement, to secure the desired success in the right direction.

EAST SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — Miss Mary A. Hollis, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 38; average attendance, 22. Miss Hollis is a faithful and conscientious teacher. This was her second term of teaching this school, and its marked improved condition upon last year, showed the good policy of again securing her able and devoted services. The good appearance of the school at the closing examination, must have been highly gratifying to herself and the parents, as it was to the Committee.

WINTER TERM — Mr. Solomon Flagg, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 34. Mr. Flagg has for many years been a successful teacher in this town, and the general deportment of his scholars this term, both *in* and *out* of school, as well as their promptness in answers, and distinct articulation, still show that his success as a teacher has not in the least abated.

Though his scholars were generally small, and many of them children of foreign parents, they seemed to excel in singing, and map-drawing.

If the parents of this school wish to have its character properly elevated, so as to take its place by the side of our best schools, they must visit it now and then, and be themselves more interested for its welfare.

WEST SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — *Lower Department*, Miss S. Jenny Davenport, of Natick, Teacher. Number of scholars, 54; average attendance, 39. Miss Davenport well understands how to make thorough scholars. Her discipline and order were good, and she is truly a worker in the school-room. This school still holds its elevated rank among the Primary Schools in town.

UPPER DEPARTMENT — *Summer Term*, MISS CAROLINE E. DEWING, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 28. The former praiseworthy position of this department is fully sustained. In all the lessons and recitations, there was the same marked distinctness and precision, which taught the scholars to *observe* and *think*, as well as to *perform*. Though the teacher and scholars did well the last term, they have done none the less so this term.

WINTER TERM — *Lower Department*, Teacher, MISS S. JENNY DAVENPORT, the same as last summer. Number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 21. The scholars of this department seem to be doing well, and the good character of the school is gradually advancing. This school is generally full of life and energy, and is noted for promptness and precision in answers and recitations.

UPPER DEPARTMENT, Teacher, MR. CHARLES A. JOHNSON, of Weston. Number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 30. Mr. Johnson taught a good school in the East Division last winter, and he has done no less so here this winter. This school being graded, his task has been much more pleasant, his classes fewer in number, and the general improvement more apparent.

Some of his classes on examination day appeared extremely well, especially in Arithmetic and Reading. This school for many years, has ranked among the first in town, and it now well sustains its former good reputation.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — MISS ANGELINE E. HOFSES, Teacher. Number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 39. This is the third term of Miss Hofses' instruction in this school; and though her number was large, the improvement was very good. Her kind and affectionate ways of governing and imparting, are favorable traits in a teacher for small children.

Should the teacher labor a little less and the scholars a *great deal more*, perhaps the result would be better. There must be attention, thought, and toil on the part of the scholar, to make him thorough and efficient. Perhaps some few amendments in this direction, might add a little to the now good appearance and condition of this school.

WINTER TERM — *Lower Department.* The same teacher as in summer. Whole number of scholars, 40 ; average attendance, 33. The school this term being smaller than the last, its improvement and general appearance were decidedly better. She has labored hard for her scholars, and given general satisfaction.

Upper Department — Mr. Wilson Palmer, Teacher. Mr. Palmer taught this school last winter, and we believe gave perfect satisfaction. He has been no less successful this winter. His order and discipline are good, and every thing in the school-room appeared well. His pupils are taught to think and digest for themselves, and are *led* along rather than *forced.* The large classes in Reading and at the black-board, appeared admirably well on examination day. Number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance, 25.

PLAINS' SCHOOL.

Lower Department — Miss Adeline M. Eaton, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 48 ; average attendance, 34. Miss Eaton has taught successfully for several years in town ; still this school seems the best of all. Her pupils are quick thinkers and actors, and exhibit life and energy in their lessons and movements. At our casual visits we have invariably found the scholars diligent and pressing onward.

WINTER TERM — *Lower Department,* the same teacher, and as diligent and persevering as ever. Number of scholars, 37 ; average attendance, 29. We have no better Primary School in town than this. The order and discipline, and in fact about every thing relating to the school, are worthy of praise and imitation. The Reading and Singing, and Mental Arithmetic, were excellent on examination day.

SUMMER TERM — *Upper Department :* Teacher, Miss Ellen R. Foss, of Needham. Number of scholars, 40 ; average attendance, 25. This school commenced with a large number of advanced scholars, but from some cause or other, before the summer vacation, nearly one-half had left. The teacher passed a good examination, and seemed to be thorough and systematic in her teaching, whenever the school was visited by the Committee. Her closing examination was also of a superior character, and showed that both teacher and scholars must have been diligent and industrious during the term, to make so great proficiency in their studies and lessons.

If scholars do not find every qualification in a teacher they could desire or anticipate, this ought not to be a sufficient reason for them to leave school, and deprive themselves of valuable treasures lost forever. It is the part of wisdom for us to be willing to gather up the golden sands of truth and knowledge from any and every source, accessible by *diligence* and *toil*.

WINTER TERM. — The same Department was under the instruction of Miss Caroline E. Dewing, of Needham. Number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20. The teacher soon found herself quite at home, toiling with her new charge for the victory, over every obstacle that lay in the way of a thorough education. We have no teacher more laborious and interested, both for the moral and mental culture of her scholars, than Miss Dewing. She is one of our best educators. Though precise and exact, all seems to be in the right direction.

NORTH SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — *Lower Department*, Miss Henrietta Stevens, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 27. The progress of this school, both terms, was much retarded on account of sickness, and the average attendance was also reduced. This was the teacher's first attempt in school teaching, and she succeeded so well in summer, that her services were retained for the winter session.

The Committee observed a decided improvement in her school the second term, over the first. By patience, diligence, and perseverance, she will ultimately be justly ranked among our best and most experienced teachers. Number of scholars, winter term, 40; average attendance, 26.

Upper Department — *Summer Term*, Miss Caroline A. Hartwell, of Natick, Teacher. Number of scholars, 38; average attendance, 32. This school being graded this summer, its general progress was much greater than last summer by the same teacher. The order and discipline of the school were good, and the teacher seemed to aim less for show than for real improvement. Though the scholars were less prompt and energetic than in some of our schools, no school seemed to be more thoroughly taught, and to better understand their studies and lessons. The moral tone was also good, and the Reading and Compositions at the closing examination were excellent.

WINTER TERM — Same Department, L. Allen Kingsbury, of Needham, Teacher. This is Mr. Kingsbury's third term of instruction in this school. Though all of his schools have been good, this we think the best. This was the largest school in town this winter, both as to number and age and size of the scholars; and on the whole, rather farthest advanced in their studies. The instructor's long experience in school teaching, together with the good natural and acquired abilities of many of the scholars, has placed this school in an excellent position. Both teacher and pupils seemed to commence this winter with a determination to have a good school, and we think they have succeeded even beyond their own fond anticipations. We have no better readers and thinkers in town than here, and their Compositions and Declamations on the day of examination, were of a superior character.

Doubtless their new house and their beautiful and convenient school-room, were no small agents in elevating the already good position of this school. The order was excellent in the school-room, and had it been a little better at recess and at noon, in other parts of the house, especially among the larger boys, it would have given a more general satisfaction.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM — Miss Ellen R. Seagraves, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 16. The same teacher taught this school last winter, and gave general satisfaction. The present school has always appeared well when visited by the Committee, especially at the closing examination. The scholars were well taught, and a good feeling seemed to be manifest between them and their teacher.

WINTER TERM — Miss Caroline A. Hartwell, of Natick, Teacher. Number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 27. Miss Hartwell is an experienced teacher, and numbered among our best; of course she has a good school wherever she instructs. The average attendance here was excellent, and the tardy marks comparatively few. The general appearance of the school has very much changed from what it was last year. In short, all the scholars seemed entirely new in their new and convenient school-room. Though the school is not so far advanced in their studies as some others of the same age, still no school in town appeared better than this, especially as it regards the scholars' general conduct and good behavior, both in and out of school.

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer, of Needham, Teacher. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 49 ; average attendance, 40. Miss Sawyer has been the teacher of this school for several years ; and as her years of teaching multiply, so her usefulness in this school seems to multiply. We noticed a marked improvement in the general appearance of the school during the summer term ; but in our casual visits during this term, and also at the closing examination, we observed a still greater advancement in the right direction. The scholars generally were prompt in their answers, and in their reading and other lessons, they spoke more distinctly, and with a better tone of voice than formerly. Winter Term, number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance, 25.

As a whole, our schools the past year have been of a superior character. Still they are not perfection. Perfection in school teaching, like perfection in parental training and instruction, is an exalted and enviable position, yet to be attained. Good teachers, or rather good educators of children, are much less numerous than the demand for them. Your Committee the past year have spared no pains to procure for every school in town, the best teacher possible for the pay they felt authorized to give. Being successful in retaining many of our old and experienced teachers, we have had the good fortune of furnishing for every school, an able and efficient teacher.

True, some of them have not succeeded in their schools quite so well as others. This, perhaps, may be attributed in part to the teacher, and in part to the scholars or parents, or to both. A teacher may be even of a superior class, and yet not so fortunate as to please all the parents or children. Some little prejudice or whim, quite foreign from good teaching, may be the source of much mischief, and may result in no little injury to the whole school. To have a good school, there must be concentration of right purpose and action, not only on the part of the teacher, but also on the part of parents and scholars.

The progress of a school depends very much upon the interest taken in it by the parents. In many of our schools the parents have long since taken a deep and active interest in their children's progress and welfare. Here, we see on the school register, less marks for tardiness and absence, and scholars more dutiful and active, and more cheerful and happy. By

their blessings and visits, both teacher and scholars are very much encouraged in their daily duties and toils; and the general aspect and progress of the school appear quite different from those less cared for, and less visited by them.

Some parents cherish the opinion, that if they supply all the needed books and means for a good school, their whole duty is done. Not so; parents and teachers should soon become well acquainted with each other, and act together, for the same great object, the best good of the child. The more the attention given to children in their lessons at home, and the better the advice received there, the better will be the general appearance and conduct of children at school, and far greater the progress and improvement made by them.

Parents should ever discard the idea, that by looking closely after the conduct and lessons of their children, while at school, and by making frequent visits to the school-room, they are in the least infringing on the rights of either the teacher or School Committee; for it is only then they are in the true path of duty.

For many years there has been a gradual improvement in the character of our town schools, so that now they are generally in advance of the best private schools. This good result has been brought about, chiefly through the salutary influence of our Normal schools, where the best talents, plans, and means are concentrated, to make able and efficient teachers. True, some of our Normal teachers are yet deficient in prominent qualifications necessary for skilful and useful instruction. Their order and government are sometimes either so loose or so stiff, as to very much diminish their success as teachers.

Another sad defect is, their not knowing or *wishing* to know, how to skilfully govern and educate the smaller children. Here is the very place for the best of instruction. The children in the Primary Department should be correctly taught, so as to continue to *advance* rather than to stop and unlearn, when they go into the higher department.

Notwithstanding these and some other defects we have noticed in our Normal teachers, still the great Normal interest around us and among us, is the main spring and life blood of the general progress and improvement in our Common School system. The Normal principle and improvements of school teaching are not entirely confined to Normal teachers; they are spread broadcast, and are seen in Teachers' Institutes, and in our teachers and schools generally of all ranks and grades, and in the great general interest awakened all around us, for a more complete common school education.

Since the abolition of the District system in town, the improvement of

our schools has been more general and permanent. All of the schools have been of equal length, and the best teachers that our means would permit us to procure have been provided for them all, as the wants and demands of each seemed to require. We are now enabled to retain the same teachers a number of terms, and some of them for years in the same school.

And when a change seems to be required for the good of the school, it is quietly and easily done, quite to the satisfaction of all concerned. When new teachers are needed, the Committee have some time in advance to look out for them, and a great variety from whom to make a selection. Does the teacher fail to give general satisfaction and is not so successful as was anticipated, the length of the school can be readily shortened, even in accordance with the wishes of the teacher, and also for the best interests of the school. Scholars now can be more easily transferred from one school to another, when occasion may require it.

Though some think we are now paying our teachers too much, we are constantly losing the services of the best of them, because they can obtain better pay elsewhere. To keep up the rank of our schools, with the advancement of the times, we must have good teachers. The better the teacher, the better the school. For, "as is the teacher, so is the school." The only alternative seems to be, either to increase the teachers' pay a little, as occasion may require, or to retard the present healthy progress of our schools, and lower the rank they now so well sustain. It seems to us, not only good policy, but even for the credit of the town, to *keep up* the rank of the school, even at the expense of its length; or perhaps better, to *elevate* the rank and not *shorten* the length.

The school-houses are the property of the town, as they should be, and every citizen in town should be interested for their care and protection, especially those who live in the immediate vicinity. Though the Committee are vigilant for their welfare, and often remind the teachers and scholars of their duties and obligations in regard to them, still they have too often been defaced and injured, to the disgrace of somebody, and at the expense of the town. The State has given us some good laws for their protection, and every person in town should be an every day police, to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Nearly all of our schools are now graded, both summer and winter. The larger scholars being separated from the smaller, the number of classes in each department are very much diminished, and the facilities for a thorough education are proportionately increased. Though this division increases the number of teachers, and our means compel us to shorten a little the length of each school, we think, on the whole, the gen-

eral improvement in each department is much greater and more valuable. Thus divided, the smaller children can have the whole attention of a teacher to interest and start aright their young and growing minds, in the rudiments of a thorough education.

In this department we need our best teachers; not only in order and discipline, but in all the qualifications for good teaching. The Upper Department being relieved from the stir and bustle of the small scholars, becomes superior for thought and solid improvement. Here all the common English studies are taught, we think, as well and as thoroughly as in our best Academies or High Schools.

Some would like to introduce into this department, the higher English studies and the languages; this would not only increase the number of classes, and thereby completely destroy the good results of gradation, but it would take a great share of the teachers' attention from the *many* in the common branches, to the *few* thus qualified for advanced instruction. This, perhaps, in the present state of our schools, would not, at least, be good policy, or even justifiable.

As yet we do not seem to have a sufficient number of large, advanced scholars, who would wish to attend to the higher English branches, not now taught in our schools, or to the languages, to warrant the expense of a High School. Besides, the advanced scholars are so convenient to some private school, that a Central High School would not lessen the expense, or in any way be desirable; the cost of tuition in a private school being less than the cost of trouble and inconvenience of distance to a Central High School.

The length of our schools the last year has been thirty-three weeks;—nineteen in summer, and fourteen in winter. For a town like ours, perhaps thirty-three weeks in fifty-two is a sufficient length of time for children to be confined to the school-room. This arrangement leaves about six weeks vacation in midsummer, four weeks in November, and nine in the spring. The physical wants of the child should not be overlooked in our anxiety for mental improvement. A strong and healthy mind requires a strong and healthy body. And if the ancient saying is true that, "Children should *learn* while young, what they should *practice* when they become men and women," there are things *outside* of books and the school-room to attend to, in the several stages of a child's minority, as well as those *within*.

When they become men and women, they are to think and act for themselves; and as are those thoughts and acts, so will be the general tone of public and private life. Correct habits of thought and practice, should be early taught the child at home, as well as at school; and vacation

days seem to be some of the very best for this purpose. These should not be entirely days for play and pastime, or set apart spaces of life, for idleness and indifference, but they should rather be days for practice and discipline; a set time for acquiring something valuable for the practical purposes and duties of future life. Self-reliance and independence of character, cannot commence too early in a child's life. "Train up a child in the way he should go, *at home*, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We still notice that many of the scholars, especially the largest girls, leave our town schools at quite too early an age, either as the completion of their education, or for some private school, at least no better than ours. A more thorough knowledge of the common English branches now taught in the Upper Department of our graded schools, we think would be much more valuable for them for the duties and pleasures of after life, than the little smattering of private-school knowledge they may acquire, for a term or two, elsewhere.

Too many think themselves quite adepts in Reading, Geography, History, the common branches of Mathematics, English Grammar, and Composition, even before they thoroughly understand the rudiments of these various branches, or have acquired a real love for them. The basis of a valuable and useful education rests entirely on these common branches; and in proportion as these are embraced and conquered, so will be the value and progress of all our practical knowledge and scientific *attainments* in after life.

Sometimes a change in school books becomes actually necessary for the general good. There are constant improvements for the better in school books, as in every thing else. As the farmer with an improved implement of husbandry can perform his task with much more ease and rapidity, so the scholar with an improved school book in his hand can accomplish his task with much more ease and rapidity. Hence, it is often great economy to throw aside the old book, and even *dearly* purchase the new one. We never consent to a change in books, till after a careful examination and due deliberation in regard to their actual merits of improvements, and also as to the favorable terms upon which they may be obtained, well knowing that school books are quite a tax to many who have large families, and that they are often somewhat incommoded to find means to procure them.

In conclusion we would say, that though our schools are doing well, and that our teachers are generally good and efficient, still our aim is for better ones, and for greater improvement in every direction, to save our money, and the time and character of our children. That these may be properly

advanced, and that the result of our efforts may be happily crowned with pre-eminent success, an elevation of their moral tone and character must ever be the most prominent thought.

The moral character of a school is of vital importance; mental culture at the expense of the cultivation of the heart, is a curse rather than a blessing. Not the more knowing and the more scientific, but rather the more virtuous the child, the man, or the people, the more happy and the more useful. Intellectual worth, combined with purity of purpose and action, is what elevates the character of the child, the man, and the nation. These are facts that never should be lost sight of in our common schools, which are made up of children of every class and character.

Here at least should be one of the battle fields, where children should be taught to *resist* and *overcome* evil.

There is no better time than youth, nor better place than the school-room, for our children to be taught the great principles of Christianity, and of moral excellence. As a standard for this high elevation of character, and a guide to human greatness and perfection, we have bequeathed to us and *enjoined* upon us, by our fathers, and the laws of this Commonwealth, the unadulterated commands and precepts of that best of books, the Bible. While our teachers and scholars daily *read*, *embrace*, and *practice* the truths and precepts of the Holy Bible, as thus given us, our schools will prosper, and we, as a people and nation, are safe and happy, and no longer.

For the Committee,

N. LONGFELLOW.

NEEDHAM, April 4, 1859.

REPORT

OF A

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

UPON THE SUBJECT OF A

DIVISION OF THE TOWN,

MADE DECEMBER 6, 1859.

At a special Town Meeting of the legal voters of Needham, on the eighth day of November last past, to act upon the petition of the Hon. E. K. Whitaker and others, for a Committee in reference to a division of the Town, as petitioned for to the Legislature by some of its inhabitants, and to make the necessary investigations respecting Town Paupers, Bridges, Schools, &c., and report at an adjourned meeting, it was voted:—

"That a Committee of three from each part of the Town, be chosen to take the whole subject of this article into consideration, and report at an adjourned meeting, and the following persons were chosen: Artemas Newell, Lauren Kingsbury, and Galen Orr, for the easterly part of the Town, and William Flagg, John W. Shaw, and George K. Daniell, for the westerly part. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Tuesday in December next, at one o'clock, P. M. A true copy of record. Attest:

"SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*"

In pursuance of the above votes, your Committee have given the subject such attention as time and circumstances would permit, and submit the following report:—

Your Committee based their investigations principally upon the following inquiries, which, in their opinion, would embrace the most important considerations that may be

brought in issue during the hearing, if any, before the Legislature:—

1st. The present valuation of the property, real and personal, of the residents and non-residents of this Town, liable to taxation; the number of polls; the value of the real property owned by the Town in its corporate capacity; its public or permanent debt, and the number of its inhabitants by the last census.

2d. To ascertain as nearly as possible the boundary line of separation as petitioned for.

3d. To ascertain what amount of the taxable property is owned or represented on either side of said line; number of polls and inhabitants, and the value of the Real Estate belonging to the Town, lying on either side of said line.

4th. What amount and distance, or length of highways, and number of Bridges in the Town on either side of said line,—their character, mode of construction, and present condition, liable to be supported by the Town.

5th. The number of poor persons who are at present supported or aided by the Town, and on which side of said line they had respectively acquired a settlement in the Town.

6th. To ascertain what would be the relative pecuniary condition of the inhabitants on each side of said line, in case of a division, with reference to taxable property, increased liabilities and expenses to either, and the amount to be paid from one part to the other as an equivalent for difference in the corporate or Town property, increased prospective liabilities, and for loss of taxable property.

The result of these inquiries is as follows:—

The valuation of Taxable Property in the Town, real and personal, as found on the books of the Assessors for the present year, (1859) is $1,674,927

To wit:

Real Estate, ...	1,403,415
Personal Estate, ...	271,512
Number of Polls, ...	669
Number of Inhabitants by the census of 1855, .	2,401
Number of Acres of Land is	15,009

Corporate property of the Town, to wit:

Eight School Houses, the estimated total value of which is	$9,200
The Town Hall and Almshouse buildings, and Farm of about one hundred and ten acres, valued at	6,000

A tract of wood land in Dover, known as the "School Land," of about 40 Acres.

The public or permanent debt of the Town is now . $5,000

The above is an exposition of the condition of the whole Town, as to its finances, resources and liabilities, at the present time.

The line of division of the Town, as petitioned for, as understood by the Committee, is delineated by a faint line on the published map of the Town, beginning at a point at Charles River, about a quarter of a mile below the Nail Factory at the Upper Falls, and running south-westerly in a straight line, crossing the road known as the "Worcester Turnpike" about a quarter of a mile westerly of said Nail Factory; crossing the artificial pond and running near and westerly of the house of Isaac Flagg, 2d; crossing the Rosemary Meadow, so called, near and west of the house of Ralph Smith, running near and easterly of the residence of the late Otis Sawyer, and easterly of the Town Farm; crossing the highway near and west of the house of Mr. Colcord, crossing a road near and west of the house of Mr. Cartwright; thence running and crossing the highway near and east of the house of Mr. Risk, and west of the house of Mr. Knapp; thence running west of the Reynolds estate, crossing the new road leading to Natick, a few feet east of the bridge, to a point on Charles River, leaving the bridge on the west side of the line and the road on the east,—said line measuring, according to the map, from one point on the river to the other, about five and a quarter miles.

Taxable Property as represented by the Assessors' books as lying on each side of the above described line, to wit:

West Side.	
Valuation of Real Estate, ...	$818,850
" " Personal Estate, ...	112,146
Total property in West, . . .	$930,996
Number of Polls, ...	334
Number of Inhabitants, ...	1169
East Side.	
Valuation of Real Estate, ...	$584,565
" " Personal Estate, . . .	159,366
Total property of East, ...	$743,931

Number of Polls,	335
Number of Inhabitants,	1,232
Amount of Taxable property on the West side of the line, more than that on the East, is	$187,065
Number of Polls on the East side more than on the West, is	1
Number of Inhabitants on the East side, more than on West, is	63

Corporate, or Town Property, located on each side of the contemplated line, to wit:

West side: Four School Houses valued at $5,700.

viz:	1 in Lower Falls District,	$2,500
	1 " Grantville "	1,600
	1 " West " old	600
	1 " Pine Plain "	1,000
Town Hall and Farm, valued at		6,000

East Side: Four School Houses valued at $3,500.

viz:	1 in Upper Falls District,	$200
	1 " Great Plain "	2,000
	1 " Centre "	1,200
	1 " South " old	100

The difference in value of the School Houses in the West, more than those in the East, is	$2,200

Highways and Bridges.

The length of the Public Roads in the whole Town, as nearly as it can be computed by the map, is not far from seventy miles, and is very nearly equal in length on each side of the line, but that part of those lying on the West side of the line are in much superior condition to those in the East.

The number of Bridges crossing from this Town over Charles River, is ten. To wit:

East of Said Line.

1 at Upper Falls, built of wood, to Newton,
1 " " " " " stone, " "
1 " Kenrick's Crossing, built of wood, to Newton,
1 called Lyon's Bridge, " " " " Dedham,
1 " Day's Bridge, " " " " Dover,
1 at Dover Mills, " " stone " Dover,
1 called Battle Bridge, " " " " Dover,

There being seven Bridges on the East side of said line, three of stone, and four of wood,

West Side.

1 near the Reynold's Estate, new, built of wood, to Dover.
1 at Lower Falls, built of stone, to Newton,
1 " " " " " wood, " "

There being three Bridges on the West side, one of stone, and two of wood.

The Bridges are all in a good and safe condition, except Kenrick's Bridge, having received very material repairs and improvements during the present year. Four of them are built of stone in a thorough and substantial manner. And it is believed that they will require but trifling repairs for a great length of time, unless from some extraordinary cause which cannot now be foreseen. There are six built of wood, but are now sound, with the exception of Kenrick's bridge, which will soon require considerable outlay.

Paupers. There are at the present time supported and aided by the Town, twenty persons, besides two insane persons who are at the Lunatic Asylum.

Of the twenty, two are boys, nine, and eleven years old. The average ages of fifteen of the number is more than seventy-seven years. Three between the ages of forty and forty-five years, and the two boys.

The average cost of their support, including clothing and medical attendance, is about one dollar and ten cents per week, each.

Of the two insane persons, one has a settlement on the East side, and one on the West side of said line.

In equalizing the Future Expenditures in case of a Division, the Committee adopted the following

Estimates:

The value of the School Houses on the West, more than those on the East side of the line, is $2,200, one-half of that sum, $1,100, is deemed to be the property of the East, which, when paid to the East by the West, will make equal that part of the Town property, or will be sufficient to make the School Houses in the East, in every respect, equal to those on the West side of the line.

The Bridges on the West side, being three, may be offset by the same number on the East, similar as to cost of support, which will leave four, all on the East side, which are to be supported at the joint expense of both East and West for all future time.

The estimated cost of supporting those four bridges is the annual interest upon the sum of THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED dollars. One-half of that sum, or $1,600, being paid by the West to the East, it is deemed will be a fair equivalent for the increased liability of the East by assuming the entire support of the four extra bridges, forever.

The *Highways* in the easterly part of the Town, being in a very inferior condition when compared with those in the west, the principal travelled roads as well as those that have fallen into disuse from the fact that they are unsafe to travel over, would require an expenditure, it is estimated, of about two thousand dollars to place them in a fair condition: which should be at the joint expense of both East and West, or a payment to the East by the West of one thousand dollars would be required to indemnify the East by its assuming the entire cost of those repairs. But as the West would become chargeable for the cost of improving the road near the estate of Mr. Hurd, also with the improvement of the *Sherborn Road*, so called, both of which have been adjudicated upon and ordered by the County Commissioners, at an estimated cost of one thousand dollars, one-half of which cost belongs to the East to pay, it would reduce the sum to be paid by the West, to equalize the Highway expenditure, to $500.

In searching for a basis upon which to estimate the future expenses for supporting the Poor, it is extremely difficult to find, by any human calculations, a satisfactory solution to the very important question, how many and who may require public assistance? There is no rule by which any elucidation of that problem can be reached. We have the most convincing testimony before us that those who are poor or in moderate circumstances at present, are not those exclusively who may need future aid. When we see young persons, members of some of the most respectable and reputed wealthy families of earlier days, who, in the prime of life, vigor, and usefulness, stricken with maladies which resist the most persevering efforts of the best medical talent, and finally pronounced incurable, after exhausting their own resources and those of their friends, have been compelled to seek that aid, which is always so readily and cheerfully bestowed upon the unfortunate by their fellow townsmen, we are irresistibly led to the conclusion that any estimate made upon results which circumstances may bring about in future,

would not be reliable, and have adopted the only basis that has the certainty of being correct for the time being,—that of the number who at *this time* are receiving public aid from the Town. Upon that basis, the estimated cost of supporting the Poor which would become chargeable to the East more than those for which the West would be liable, is $171.60 per annum, which would be equalized by the West paying to the East a sum that would produce, at interest, one-half that amount annually ($86), which sum would be fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars.

The amount of property taxable in the West more than that in the East, is one hundred and eighty-seven thousand and sixty-five dollars, which at an estimated tax of six dollars and sixty cents upon the thousand dollars, which is the average tax for the last ten years, would produce the annual sum of twelve hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-two cents, one-half of which should be paid to the East by the West, or a sum producing that amount if at interest—which would be the sum of ten thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents.

The whole amount which is to be paid by the West to the East, by the foregoing calculations and estimates, provided a division of the Town is granted, is fourteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

The Town Hall, Poor Farm and buildings, and Dover school land, or any other property of the Town, real or personal, together with the permanent debt of the Town, and all other matters relevant, not herein before considered, remain for future consideration.

In summing up the whole matter, in conclusion, after a careful examination of the whole subject, estimating the prospective liabilities from the experience and records of the past and the probabilities of the future, with a due regard to justice and equity, keeping in view the theory and declared intention of many of those who petitioned for the division, "that they desire to leave their friends and neighbors in the Easterly part of the Town in as favorable *pecuniary* condition for the present and future as would be continued to them if no change were to be effected," your Committee feel justified in presenting for the consideration of the Town the foregoing report, believing that the results of the calculations therein will be found, by even a more careful and critical investigation than has been given to it, to approximate very nearly to the objects to be attained: that

of equalizing the interests and burdens of both parties in the future, in case the prayer of the petitioners for a separation shall be granted.

The Committee, in submitting the foregoing report, do not express, or intend to express, any opinion in regard to the merits of the main question at issue: that of the propriety or otherwise of a division of the Town. But they endeavor to show that if a division *does* take place, the terms and conditions therein suggested would be fair and equitable; reserving to themselves the right and privilege hereafter, to advocate or to dissapprove of the measure as their own unbiased judgment shall dictate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTEMAS NEWELL,
LAUREN KINGSBURY,
GALEN ORR,
WILLIAM FLAGG,
GEO. K. DANIELL,
JOHN W. SHAW,
} *Committee.*

NEEDHAM, Dec. 6th, 1859.

This report accepted at a
[illegible] meeting held Dec 27-185[illegible]
4 voting in favor and 48 in op[illegible]

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

1860.

DEDHAM:
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Citizens: — The Superintending School Committee, in obedience to the law, submit to you the following report:

In laying before the town a detailed account of each school, the Committee are aware of their liability to repeat the same sentiments in regard to the discipline and instruction of the teachers, who have been continued for many years or terms in the care of the same schools, that have been expressed in former reports; but they are also aware that the constant changes occurring in our population, introducing necessarily those who are unacquainted with the teachers or their methods of instruction, make it desirable that these details should be presented, though to the larger portion of the town they may not be new. Then, too, it is always to be hoped that the teachers, from year to year and term to term, may develope some higher and better qualities, and the better the teacher, the more willing to meet criticism and to profit by remark. Of course these remarks do not apply to teachers who are known in the schools as beginners, and in regard to whom the town have little or no knowledge.

The East School, for the Summer Term, had as Teacher, Grace Ayer, of Oakham. This teacher was new to the scholars, and at first, as is very often the case with new teachers, she found it difficult to control them; but, it is believed, she brought them under good discipline, and at the subsequent visits of the Committee there was a good degree of order. This

school is classed among backward schools, not because of a want of ability or quickness in these young minds, but that they are quite young and have not the early advantages and continued good influences with which some children are favored. The teacher was very patient and firm, sparing no labor for the advancement of the school.

For the Winter Term, the school was again under the care of SOLOMON FLAGG, who has so long and faithfully discharged the duties of teacher in this town. His steady rule, his decided manner, gave him authority over it, and while not aiming at entire stillness, a word or look from him would bring it to order at once. The Committee deem it fortunate for the school to have had the experience and parental oversight of this teacher, and can wish no better thing for it than his continued services. Mr. Flagg carries his ability as a singer into every school he teaches with a most excellent effect. Some excellent maps were drawn by the scholars on the day of the examination, and the appearance of the school was indicative of the faithfulness of the teacher. The weather and travelling being bad, the attendance at examination was unusually small.

The South School had for its Teacher, in the Summer Term, JANE F. FLAGG, who has been continued there a number of terms. This teacher is rather quiet and calm in her manner. Whether children learn as much from such a teacher as from one who is more lively and demonstrative, may be questioned, yet if she gain their attention and affection, they may do much. While it would be unreasonable to expect every quality in a teacher, it is an advantage, other things being equal, to have activity and enthusiasm enough to inspire the scholar. The Committee would recommend this teacher to cultivate the activities of her nature, and to use the faculty, which is pre-eminently woman's gift, to induce her scholars to more activity of thought, and of its expression. There was, however, a good work done here.

The Winter Term of this school was under the charge of GEORGE K. DANIELL, JR. It was eminently successful. The Teacher began his labors a novice in school-teaching, but his earnest, stirring manner, his

determination to secure good order and with it the good will of the scholars, carried him triumphantly through. The Committee commend him to the teacher's work, being satisfied that he has that in him which which will, in time, develope in good results in that direction. The Committee observed with pleasure the conduct of the larger scholars in sustaining the teacher's rules, and making his path pleasanter.

The Summer Term of the Centre School, and the Lower Department of the Winter Term of the same, were under the charge of ANGELINE E. HOFSES, of Boston. This teacher is a faithful laborer, and is determined to do her duty, without partiality, to each child—not perhaps gaining as large a portion of the love of her scholars as some other teachers, without perhaps the wish or the ability to show off her school, it is evident that she advances it, and that it is doing as well as can reasonably be expected under ordinary circumstances. Some of the parents are too much disposed to find fault, and it is seldom that a teacher passes along without being censured by them for some imaginary cause or other. Parents have spoken very warmly in favor of this teacher, and against her also; the Committee thank them for the expression of their opinion, but, of course, have acted in accordance with their own views of what is best for the school.

The Upper Department, for the Winter, was under the care of WILSON PALMER, of Candia, N. H. The school was unusually small, and this will unavoidably be the case in our town schools. Families move away —a class of large scholars leave, and none quite ready to take their places. It may reasonably be expected, that the smaller the school, if not too small, the better opportunity for improvement, the more time to be devoted to instruction. The teacher occupied his time, and worked faithfully. With remarkable powers for display, he seems to have no desire to make an undue use of them, and his aim appears to be to draw out the scholar's ability, rather than exhibit his own. The Committee take leave of him with regret, and commend him to a successful future. With him—as was observed at the examination by a friend, himself a teacher for a number

of seasons in the town—has left the last of three brothers, who have had, for good or ill, the care of different schools in the place almost the tenth of a century;—good examples of persevering effort in obtaining an education for themselves—of an earnest desire to impart of their acquisitions to others, not faultless nor without mistakes in duty—for he that is without force may be without error; yet presenting to our youths a pattern which they might well strive to imitate.

The Plain School, Lower Department, for the Summer and Winter Terms, was under the care of ADELINE M. EATON. The Committee can add nothing to the unqualified praise of this teacher in the last report. In gaining the interest of her scholars, in clearness and quickness of thought, in her manner of conveying instruction, she has always been very successful. If any fault suggests itself, it is an error of over-exertion in school. The teacher must remember that health is never to be placed below success.

The Summer Term of the Graded School was in the care of ANNA M. EATON, of Framingham. While thoroughly learned in the studies, she failed to gain the affection and obedience of the pupils, and the school gradually lessened, and was reduced so much that the Committee thought it best to close three weeks before the time to which it had been proposed to extend it. It is difficult to decide how soon to close a school under such circumstances. If the fault is with the scholar, the precedent would be dangerous, should the scholar be aware that whenever he chose to be turbulent, disobedient or discontented, the teacher must be dismissed; and where the fault is in the teacher, there is always a hope that the fault may be overcome, or its consequences averted, without having recourse to the always disagreeable remedy of breaking up a school. If the adage hold good, that "the third time never fails," it may be hoped that another attempt will be successful, since the Committee have failed twice to secure as good a graded school as they have desired.

The Winter Term of the Upper Department of the Plain School, was

under the care of CAROLINE E. DEWING. Firm, patient and decided, she established herself, after a short struggle, upon a strong foundation, receiving the respect, love, and obedience of her scholars. Well instructed in all the studies which are essential to the common affairs of life, she gave instruction in the highest branches of education taught in any of our schools, and has demonstrated that a woman may teach our advanced winter schools as well as a man, and, in some cases, govern them equally as well. It is very desirable to continue such a teacher, successive terms in the same school, and with such a teacher there can be no doubt that the graded school for the summer would be successful and permanent.

The Grantville School for the Summer and Winter Terms, was under the charge of CHARLOTTE M. SAWYER, who has labored long and faithfully there. It is but justice to say that there has been a gradual and marked improvement in her teaching. She has not been unobservant of the advances which the art of teaching has made. More active in her method of mental training, she introduces other objects of interest, such as drawing, not only on the black-board, but in the drawing-book; specimens of the latter exhibited on examination day, gave evidence of care and labor on the part of teacher and pupils in a most desirable study. Possessed of rare power to draw her pupils to herself by the chords of love, she governs more readily the younger, than the older scholars; and the Committee recommend somewhat more attention to the order of the school.

The Lower Department of the North School, Summer and Winter, was in the care of HENRIETTA STEVENS. If activity, mental and physical, and the most unwearied pains can make the successful teacher, certainly they were not wanting here. A superior scholar herself, this teacher has a very happy as well as rapid way of imparting instruction. Devoted to teaching, she did not find or take time, or has not the faculty to govern so many little ones. Not being in firm health, and having boys in her

school who needed a firmer hand, she did not succeed in maintaining the order necessary for the school. Restored by rest, and transferred to another school, the Committee trust she will succeed in its management, qualified, as they know she is, for the instruction of any.

The Summer Term of the Upper Department was in the care of CAROLINE ALMEDA HARTWELL, of Natick. Methodical and thorough as a teacher, with a very quiet way of governing, this teacher gains a very deep interest in the hearts of her pupils. One of those natures outwardly calm and undemonstrative, yet endowed with a strong intellect and earnest heart, her scholars appreciated her endeavors, and seconded her wishes; and the proofs of their own improvement and of their affection for their teacher, were very manifest at the close of the school.

The Winter Term of the Upper Department was in the care of L. ALLEN KINGSBURY. To say that he fully sustained his previous reputation, is praise enough. Fortunate for a town that it has within its limits, residing and settled, citizens who are willing and able to keep its schools. The stranger may do well, but still he cannot feel the same interest as one who resides among those whom he teaches; seeing them in his daily walks and duties, knowing that his instruction shall have an effect upon the society which surrounds him. May this teacher long continue a shining light to illumine the minds and warm the hearts of the youth of his native town.

The Summer Term of the North West School was in the care of MARTHA A. STEVENS. This was her first school in town, and is one of the best for a new teacher; a very orderly spirit prevails. The children come to school with the idea of doing well, and they are not wanting in ability. This teacher seems to lack force and life, yet, perhaps, the practice of teaching will bring the requisite strength, an opportunity only being wanting for their exercise.

The Winter Term of this school was under the charge of JANE F. FLAGG, of whom mention has been made as teacher in the South School.

The Summer Term of the West School, Lower Department, was in charge of JANE DAVENPORT, of Natick. This teacher is very active and well constituted to infuse life into a school. The school was under good control, and the distinctness which characterized the teacher's tones of voice, was manifest in the scholars' voices. The Committee can only regret that this teacher's state of health obliged her to decline taking the school for the winter.

The Upper Department of the same school was in the charge of HARRIET E. SAWYER. Between this school and their teacher, there seemed to be a lack of sympathy. Possessing many excellent qualities as a teacher, she failed to gain the hearty co-operation of the scholars, and they seemed to accomplish their tasks without interest. Her order was good, but it was obtained at the expense of the good will of her pupils. She kept the school through, and the examination was creditable.

The Winter Term, Lower Department, was in the care of MARTHA A. STEVENS, who, the Committee trust, will increase in activity and power, and who, they confidently hope, will prove an acceptable teacher.

The Winter Term, Upper Department, was under the care of CHARLES A. JOHNSON, of Weston, who is the embodiment and type of earnestness and zeal in his work. With this teacher, school is no plaything, but a reality; a very serious and important matter. To it he gives his undivided powers, in it he enlists his warmest affections. He delights to converse about his school, and his plans for its benefit and improvement. Constantly laboring for the good of his scholars, it is no wonder he wins their love and confidence, and that they make corresponding improvement. He has the bearing of the teacher, and he is bound to succeed.

The Committe having thus particularly detailed the different qualifications and success of the teachers, need to add but little in regard to the scholars. The energetic, well-instructed, earnest teacher, creates these qualities in the pupil, while the indolent, ignorant, uninterested teacher, will be very sure to have scholars of a like character. It is not, of course, safe to judge of every individual scholar, what may be predicated of the

larger number. In every school there will be minds not early developed, which the best teachers may not affect, which no school culture may ever improve; minds requiring the rougher and larger experience of the world fully to expand their powers. Such scholars are often a trial to the teacher; but let it be remembered, of such are and have been formed the ablest men. Parents may be tried, and may often find fault with a school, because their child blunders through his lessons, and is constantly making the most trivial mistakes; but let them also remember, that of such blunderers at school, the world often makes its leaders and its practical business men. These things are not said to discourage the idea that all children are benefited by school instruction. Not at all. There are certain things of use, and which every child can and does learn at school; and those powers which are latent and not exhibited until later in life, may have owed much to this early training. It would be very agreeable to see the Registers cleaner and clearer from marks of absence and tardiness. Much allowance must be made for the prevalence of sickness throughout the town, especially in the Winter Term. In looking at the daily attendance, it is remarkable how few out of the whole number in any school, are present every day the school has kept. In a school of twenty-five, two, perhaps; in a school of fifty, four or five. Many approximate very closely to, but very few attend the whole time. This is not fairly to be charged to the scholar; oftener to the parent. An errand in the morning breaks into school-hours, and so the forenoon is lost. Some attraction calls at three o'clock, and in this way the afternoon school is neglected. In a few instances scholars were detained from school in order to prepare for a public exhibition, greatly to the annoyance of the teacher. Five school-days in a week leave one day for recreation, and the long winter nights, usually unoccupied by study, should afford ample time for preparation for exhibitions, without interrupting the order and studies of a school.

Everything that distracts the attention, or interrupts the time of the scholar, while the school is keeping, should be discouraged by the parent. A divided allegiance is not allegiance, and no boy, as no man, can serve two masters. He who sends his child to a private teacher, and pays a

large tuition, is very careful that no time be lost, that he gets his money's worth. Somebody has to pay the charges of the public school, and the same wisdom in getting the money's worth, should be observed here. Sometimes children are permitted to leave school from a fancied wrong on the part of the teacher. One case occurred during the winter, where a boy took his books and went home, because the teacher required him to perform an example in Arithmetic, from a part of the book which he had been over. The teacher undoubtedly had a right to expect obedience. It would be strange if a teacher could not occasionally, and no good teacher will fail to ask questions of his scholars in any of the studies that they have been over. The parent was in fault in allowing his child to stay an hour from school upon any such plea. The teacher very properly refrained from urging the parent to send back his child, not being aware of having himself done anything wrong in the matter. The scholar returned, but not, of course, without having learned disrespect for the authority of the teacher, and that the parent was willing for a time to sustain him in that disrespect. Such instances, if frequent, would seriously affect the order of the schools, and break down all authority. In some cases children are kept from school two or three weeks after the term has commenced, on the plea that their clothes are not ready, or not fit; at the same time, such children are seen playing in the neighborhood, and no one can detect a lack of proper dress.

If the child has been sent to school, and, by playing truant, disobeys the order of the parent, the law provides that a police officer conduct it there; but this is a harsh, and in some cases, useless expedient, for the child who must be forced to school by other than parental authority, is not liable to profit much by the exercises there. The Committee urge upon parents the injustice they do their children, by allowing them, for such reasons, to be absent from school. By being thus kept away, they are distanced in their studies by those of their own age, and their alternate presence and absence interfere very much with a teacher's classifying. If education is worth anything, if it has the value which great and good men claim for it, the parent is wrong to discourage, rather than encourage, the

child in his efforts to obtain it; and if crime and folly are peculiarly attendant upon ignorance, surely none will be more liable than such parents, to regret and sorrow, should the children be led astray by such ignorance.

The Committee have reason to commend the general good conduct of the scholars in going from and coming to school. Complaints have reached them in a few instances of ill-treatment of scholars by their school-mates. But, it is believed, that no repetition of the offence has occurred, and thoughtlessness on the one side, and often a teasing, vexing manner on the other, have been generally found at the bottom of the affair. It would be singular if, thrown together and left together as they are, difficulties and serious troubles should not arise among scholars. Let each one look back to his own school-days, and be charitable in judging the children of these times. The same love of power, the same struggle between the weak and strong, the same rivalries, the same passions, are rife now as ever—to be guided indeed, and controlled if possible, by gentler methods than formerly. Nor is this mixing of different sexes, this union of the weak and strong, this meeting of the bright and dull, as it occurs in the town school, without its profit, if it must have its evil. Many a youth has taken his first step toward the battle of life, from the rough and tumble of the play-ground, and many a maiden has learnt the value of virtue, from the dangers and temptations of those early years; and the strong have been taught to respect and protect the weak, and the weak have been made strong by example; and the dull have been sharpened in their intellects by contact with the bright. These democratic nurseries have often demonstrated, that the handsomest dress has not carried the highest prizes, and that the low-born and the poor receive, in full proportion, their share of honors.

The Committee understand that their duties are confined to the conduct of the scholar during the hours of the school keeping; nor have they more power in such matters than any citizen, except to see that the teacher's rules, if reasonable, are obeyed, and to turn out of school those who continue to be disobedient. The law is bound to protect the life and safety of the weakest child, in the lowliest household, and its violation brings a

penalty upon the most aristocratic member of our first university. Let the parents and guardians assume responsibility, bring to merited punishment the offenders against law, and it is hoped, that no repetition of serious offences against the peace of their children and wards will occur.

Complaints have been received by the Committee, that the South School House is injured by the holding of religious meetings, which they were authorized by the town, on petition from ten responsible citizens, to permit to be holden. What the damages are the Committee are not fully apprised. There are serious objections to using our school houses for other than their intended purpose, and if leave is granted for one, it may be granted for all, to be occupied in this way. Books are liable to be disturbed, ink to be spilled, and tobacco juice to be distilled in copious showers over the desks and floors. The Committee recommend that ten citizens, petitioning for the use of a school house, shall be held responsible for all damages accruing from such use. They would impress upon each citizen the duty of seeing that the school houses receive no damage, of complaining of the entrance of any persons, not authorized, at any hour of the day or night, into such houses; and of prosecuting such persons for any property stolen therefrom.

In visiting the schools as required by law, and at the closing examinations, the Committee were pleased to notice the amount and variety of instruction given, and while they have required that the prescribed studies be thoroughly taught, they have been happy to permit such other studies and exercises to be introduced, as would be of use in training the scholar to practical duties. In addition to the studies required, Algebra, Bookkeeping, History, Drawing, Composition, and Declamation were taught. Almost without exception, there was singing, in which, in some schools, nearly every scholar took part. And it was interesting to hear the little children sing, in many cases without aid from the teacher. There were declamations in all the schools, by the lisping child and the almost matured youth. This latter exercise is very advantageous, both for the memory and the voice. Good speaking should be nothing more in its utterance and accents, than good reading. Yet there are many children who speak

or read in concert well, who make very poor work of reading alone. In some instances, there was an excess of composition, reading and speaking; yet it was an excess not very severely to be deprecated. The poetry of Longfellow and Willis, the eloquence of Webster, the humor of Lowell and others, both serious and comic, were well presented by these prospective authoresses and orators, and may they receive inspiration from these sources. The Committee have to commend the excellent maps drawn upon the black-boards, together with pictures of ships, animals and other objects, giving proof of natural and acquired skill. This report would extend to an indefinite length, were all the notice to be taken of these studies and these exercises, which they deserve.

The Committee cannot but flatter themselves, that our schools present attractions and hold out inducements, not inferior to those of any town possessed of our means and population. The uniform testimony of our best teachers is, that the schools of Needham, in the intelligence of their scholars, in the earnest desire of those who send scholars to sustain the faithful teacher, and, if modesty did not absolutely forbid that the remark should be told out of town, in the urbanity and intelligence of a majority of its School Committee, possess advantages over towns, which are reputed to have done more than this town in the cause of education. And the town, by its additions from time to time to its money grant for schools, is determined not to lose, but to increase its well-merited reputation. How much of this reputation is due to our own citizens who have passed from amongst us, or who yet linger on the verge of life, may not be estimated. But to the Board of Education, composed of able men in the different walks of professional and academic life, devoted to the work of improving our schools of learning—whose reputations are as extended as literature and the highest culture can exalt their subjects—and to the present excellent Secretary, whose anticipated retirement from an office peculiarly fitted for him, is universally regretted, much, very much, of the advance in our common schools is due. But more than all, and above all, to him who has left to us in the beautiful close of a well-spent life, a legacy, to preserve and improve those humble, yet noble institutions, which he has

made glorious by the sacrifice of professional and political distinction, and to strive yet more earnestly, in behalf of those educational interests, hallowed to us by the most unwearied devotion of his earnest heart.

For the Committee,

BENJ. G. KIMBALL.

NEEDHAM, MARCH 22, 1860.

AN ACCOUNT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FROM

Feb. 15, 1859, to Feb. 15, 1860.

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REPORT.

Repairs of Highways.

NORTH DISTRICT.

Paid Henry L. Howe, for Labor on Highways,..... $340 00

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

Willard H. Kingsbury, for Labor on Highways,..... 113 87

WEST DISTRICT.

Augustus Stevens, for Labor on Highways,..... 319 60

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

Robert Mansfield, for Labor on Highways,..... 67 97

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Reuel Ware, for Labor on Highways,..... 141 66

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

William Pierce, for Labor on Highways,..... 113 33

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Charles McIntosh for Labor on Highways,..... 128 50

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Miles Jones, for Labor on Highways,..... 113 33

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

George G. Stevens, for Labor on Highways, ... 209 66

EAST DISTRICT.

Jonathan Avery, for Labor on Highways,..... 153 60

$1700 92

Paid William Flagg, for widening Road leading to North Natick, repairing Wall at Wood's Bridge, and putting up Railing on McCrackin Road,..... $34 52
Sylvester McIntosh, for Labor on Bridges and putting up Railing, also, 71 Posts furnished,..... 15 68
William Flagg, for Plank furnished for Bridge near Dexter Kingsbury's,..... 12 93
Robert Mansfield, for repairing Railing, and blasting Rocks near William D. Fogg's,..... 7 09
Charles Rice, Jr., for Lumber furnished for Bridges and Railings, 69 16
Reuel Ware, for Lumber furnished, and Labor in repairing four Bridges in west part of Town,..... 28 45
Jonathan Fuller, for repairing Bridge and furnishing Cement and Lumber near S. F. Smith's,..... 32 50
J. A. Libby, for repairing Bridge,..... 6 25
Henry Blackman, for building Bridge near his father's house,... 15 00
Jonathan Avery, for repairing Gutter at Upper Fall's Bridge, putting up Railing in Upper Falls District, and furnishing 29 Posts,..... 29 67
Marshall Newell, for 4 Chestnut Posts and 41 feet of Joist, and putting up the same for Railing for Bridge at Dover Mills,.. 2 47
John Kingsbury, in part, for moving Gravel from Town Road near East Parish Meeting House,..... 20 00
Marshall Newell, for repairing and building Wall at Battell's Bridge,..... 34 51
William Jones, for Stone furnished for Wall on Town Road, near First Parish Meeting House, two day's work on Day's Bridge and 8 Cedar Posts furnished for the same,..... 22 50
T. N. Smith, for Lumber furnished for Railing,..... 12 24
Frederick Marchant, for 88 lbs. of Spikes for Day's Bridge,..... 3 96
Frederick Marchant, for 1041 feet Spruce Joist for Railing on New Road near William Pierce's,..... 15 61
Galen Orr, for Labor on Lyon's and Day's Bridge, ... 49 65
John A. Libby, for carting Lumber and Labor in repairing Upper Falls Bridge,..... 5 88
John Kingsbury, 2d, in part, for moving Gravel and carting Stones for straightening Town Road near First Parish Meeting House,..... 50 00
Jonathan Fuller, in part, for blasting Rocks in Highway, and building Culvert near Geo. E. Eaton's,..... 75 00
Galen Orr, for 897 feet of Hard Pine Timber, and carting same, 31 91
Charles Rice, Jr., for Lumber furnished for Bridges,..... 55 91
Reuel Ware, for repairing Driveway near Joseph Russell's, as per agreement by the Selectmen,..... 5 62
William Flagg, for Cash paid Dea. Safford for Stone, repairing Railing, making Drain near S. F. Smith's Bridge, examining Day's Bridge, writing Specifications and Contracts for Pierce Road, straightening King Road, and taking up and relaying Culvert near the Welles Place,..... 48 19
Sylvester McIntosh, for widening Road near Luther Horr's, and Labor on Culvert near Welles Place,..... 27 00
J. & T. S. Barney, for Materials furnished Willard Hurd, for putting up Railing near New Pond,..... 55
James L. Tarbox, for repairs on his Road,..... 5 00

Paid William Jones, for laying fifty rods of Wall, digging out loam, and straightening Town Road near the First Parish Meeting House,	$72	50
William Pierce, for building new Road near his house, as laid out by County Commissioners,	325	00
John Kingsbury, for balance due for Labor in straightening Town Road, removing Sand, and carting Stone for Wall, as laid out by Selectmen,	119	00
Jonathan Fuller, for balance due for Labor, blasting Rocks at Powder House Hill, also for building Culvert near Geo. E. Eaton's; do. near Abijah Greenwood's	83	82
William Pierce, for 100 Posts and setting the same, and putting up railing on New Road near his house,	37	00
Phineas Frost, for Spikes furnished for Bridges,	3	60
William Flagg, for filling up and widening Road leading from West Needham to North Natick,	16	08
William Flagg, for Cash paid Daniel Morse, for Gravel for the repair of Highways,	50	00
George G. Stevens, for repairing Railing and Culvert,	8	75
Thomas Kingsbury, for Labor done on McCrackin Road,	28	62
	$1461	62

Support of Poor in Almshouse.

Paid E. Peabody, for Services at the Almshouse, ending April 5, 1859,	$42	50
Dexter Kingsbury, for Supplies for Almshouse,	100	00
Dexter Kingsbury, for Services at Almshouse for three months ending July 1, 1859,	75	00
Dexter Kingsbury, for balance for Supplies for Almshouse for the quarter ending July 1, 1859,	14	80
Dexter Kingsbury, for balance for Supplies for Almshouse for the quarter ending October 1, 1859,	109	27
Dexter Kingsbury, for Services at Almshouse, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1859,	75	00
George Jennings, for Coffin and Funeral Services of Nancy Smith,	8	75
Dexter Kingsbury, for Services at Almshouse for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1859,	75	00
Dexter Kingsbury, for Supplies for Almshouse, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1859,	167	35
Dexter Kingsbury, for Services at the Almshouse, from Jan. 1, 1860, to Feb. 14, 1860, 1 1-2 months,	37	50
	$705	17

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

Paid George Jennings, for Coffin and Funeral Expenses of Mrs. Hawes,	$12 50
Galen Orr, for Cash paid C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for Goods delivered to Catherine Kingsbury,	5 00
William Flagg, for Cash paid for Support of Mrs. Hawes,	2 00
Galen Orr, for Cash paid C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for Goods delivered to Nahum Kingsbury and Wife	2 90
William Flagg, for Cash paid State Lunatic Hospital for Board and other Expenses of B. F. Slack, from Dec. 1, 1858 to June 1, 1859,	76 80
Solomon Flagg, for Cash paid William D. Woodcock, for Support of his mother,	6 50
William Flagg, for Cash paid the town of Haverhill for Support of two boys of John H. Tower, and Expenses in going after them,	22 68
George Jennings, for Coffin and Funeral Expenses of Amy Burton,	8 50
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., for Cash paid City of Boston for assistance rendered Martha Jackson from Oct. 1, 1858, to April 1, 1859,	15 64
Josiah Noyes, for Medical Attendance on the family of William D. Kingsbury and a German at Freimouth's,	27 75
William Flagg, for Cash paid for the Support of Mrs. Edwards,	19 19
William Flagg, for Cash paid State Lunatic Hospital for Board and other Expenses of B. F. Slack and D. K. Ritchie,	116 48
William D. Woodcock, for Support of his mother,	6 50
Dexter Kingsbury, for Liquors furnished Mrs. Edwards in her last sickness,	1 97
William Flagg, for Cash paid the Town of Medway for Goods furnished Warren Coffee,	8 31
William Flagg, for Cash paid State Lunatic Hospital for Board and Expenses of Elopement of D. K. Ritchie,	46 90
George Howe, for Clothing furnished for Henry Staples,	6 35
	$385 97

Support of Schools.

NORTH SCHOOL.--TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Wood furnished, sawing, splitting and piling the same,	$35 10
Henrietta Stevens, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
L. Allen Kingsbury, for services as Teacher; also, for Chalk, Ink, and Books,	73 54
John S. Hastings, for making fires, and taking care of School House,	10 00
Henrietta Stevens, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
C. A. Hartwell, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	99 00
S. G. Williams, for Coal furnished,	32 38
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for Wood furnished,	9 02
	$419 04

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Solomon Flagg, for services as Teacher, 3 1-2 months, and Cash paid Moses Alden for making fires and taking care of School House,	$149 95
Reuben Hurd, for Wood furnished, sawing and splitting the same, and taking care of School House,	23 20
Grace Ayers, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
	$263 15

GREAT PLAIN SCHOOL.--TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid C. E. Dewing, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	$77 00
George G. Stevens, for cleaning and taking care of School House; also, 3 Brooms,	9 40
A. M. Eaton, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
Anna M. Eaton, for services as Teacher, 15 weeks,	82 50
A. M. Eaton, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
George G. Stevens, for Wood furnished, sawing, splitting, and piling the same; also, for taking care of School House,	47 35
	$376 25

CENTRE SCHOOL.--TWO DEPARTMENTS.

Paid Benjamin G. Kimball, for Wood furnished, sawing, splitting, and piling the same; also, for cleaning and taking care of School House and making fires,	$26 25
A. E. Hofses, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
Wilson Palmer, for services as Teacher, 3 1-2 months,	147 00
A. E. Hofses, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
Benjamin G. Kimball, for Wood furnished, sawing, splitting, and piling the same; also, for two brooms,	22 35
Benjamin G. Kimball, for washing School Room; cash paid for care of School House; also, for Water Pail,	6 30
	$361 90

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Saul S. Seagraves, for taking care of School House, making fires, and sweeping room,	$6 21
William Morse, for Wood furnished,	6 50
Saul S. Seagraves, for Wood furnished, and sawing and splitting the same,	1 75
C. A. Hartwell, for services as teacher, 17 weeks,	85 00
Martha J. Stevens, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks, and for sweeping House,	91 00
Saul S. Seagraves, for Wood furnished, sawing and splitting the same, and cash paid for Crayons,	23 50
	$213 96

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Alanson Palmer, for services as Teacher in South School, 3 1-2 months,	$147 00
George M. Hank, for making fires and taking care of School House,	5 36
William Pierce, for Wood furnished, and cutting the same,	3 50
Jane F. Flagg, for services as Teacher, and sweeping the School House,	93 00
William Pierce, for Wood furnished, and cutting and splitting the same,	26 25
George K. Daniell, Jr., for services as Teacher, 2 months,	84 00
	$359 11

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Solomon Flagg, for Brooms, Chalk, and Dipper; also for taking care of School House one year,	$2 83
William Jennings and E. Perry, for sweeping rooms and making fires,	5 00
Charles A. Johnson, for services as Teacher, 3 1-2 months,	148 00
J. J. Davenport, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
Solomon Flagg, for Wood furnished, sawing, splitting, and piling the same,	41 72
Francis H. Stevens, for sweeping School Rooms,	2 50
J. J. Davenport, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
Harriet Sawyer, for services as Teacher, 18 weeks,	99 00
	$459 05

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Alvin Fuller, for care of School House, and making fires; also for Window Curtains and Fixtures, and Broom,	$6 58
C. M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher, 14 weeks; also, for Crayons,	70 50
C. M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher, 10 weeks,	50 00
C. M. Sawyer, for services as Teacher, 8 weeks, and sweeping House; also, for Crayons,	43 50
A. B. Childs, for Wood furnished,	5 32
S. G. Williams, for Coal furnished,	21 00
	$196 90

Abatements, Discount, and Collection of Taxes.

Paid John Greer, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	$2 00
Dwight B. Rich, for abatement of taxes on Real Estate, for the years A. D. 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857,	1 56
George Jennings, 6 per cent. discount, and 1 1-2 per cent. commission allowed said Jennings as Collector, agreeably to a vote of the Town,	784 38
George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Poll Taxes for 1858,	63 24
George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Wm. D. Kingsbury's taxes on Real Estate, for 1858,	5 76

Paid George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Real Estate Taxes assessed to Nahum Kingsbury, for 1858,	$2 52
George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Poll Taxes for 1858,	45 98
Heirs of Royal McIntosh, for abatement of tax on Real Estate for 1858,	1 44
J. W. Greenwood, for abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	1 60
Benjamin Richardson, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	8 00
Augustus Stevens, (Guardian,) for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	1 60
Mary McIntosh, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	4 35
Clarissa Fulton, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	8 00
Orville J. Upham, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	4 00
George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Poll Taxes,	9 00
George C. McIntosh, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	4 00
George Jennings, Collector, for abatement of Poll Taxes for 1859,	16 50
George J. Pierce, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	2 00
Marietta Smith, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	1 60
George Jennings, 6 per cent. discount, and 2 per cent. commission allowed said Jennings, as Collector, agreeably to a vote of the Town, and paid Town Treasurer,	254 04
Paul Adams, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2 40
H. H. Hunnewell and others, Trustees for George D. Welles, Mortgagee, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	6 00
Anderson & Davenport, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	3 20
Estate of P. A. Sylvester, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	25 57
George Jennings, for abatement of Poll Taxes,	4 50
Estate of Rufus Ellis, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	80
James McIntosh, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	2 00
John W. Damon, for abatement of Tax on Real Estate,	3 60
George Jennings, for abatement of tax on Real Estate, assessed to Nahum Kingsbury,	2 80
	$1272 44

Necessary Town Charges.

Paid Hezekiah Fuller, for Brushes, Pan, Clothes Hooks, Broom, and putting up Clock, for North School,	$3 09
Solomon Flagg, for services as Town Clerk six months, ending March 1, 1859, taking Census and recording Births, Marriages, and Deaths,	41 80
Cox & Hutchins, for Printing 400 Town Meeting Warrants, and 500 Town Reports,	28 50
William Flagg, for treading down Snow in West Highway District,	8 82
Dexter Kingsbury, for Treading down Snow in West Centre Highway District,	12 48
Galen Orr, for services on Roads, meeting County Commissioners, investigating the affairs of Almshouse, settling with Town Treasurer and Liquor Agent, and preparing estimates of the expenses for the ensuing year, 1859,	31 00

Paid George Howland, for services on Roads, meeting County Commissioners, investigating the affairs of Almshouse, settling with Town Treasurer and Liquor Agent, and preparing estimates of the expenses for the ensuing year, 1859,..... $25 00
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., for services on Roads, meeting County Commissioners, investigating affairs of Almshouse, settling with Town Treasurer and Liquor Agent, and preparing estimates of expenses for the ensuing year,..... 23 00
Benj. G. Kimball for Books furnished Great Plain and Centre Schools,..... 9 29
Solomon Flagg for repairs on Pump, and cleaning West School House; also for services investigating the Affairs of the Almshouse, settling with Treasurer and Liquor Agent, and making out Town Report,..... 15 17
George G. Stevens for breaking Roads in Great Plain H. District, 5 65
Willard Hurd for breaking Roads in North Centre H. District,.. 4 20
Benj. G. Kimball for repairing Stove Pipe, and cleaning Clock in Centre District,..... 1 50
John A. Griggs for breaking Roads in Lower South Highway District,..... 7 56
Solomon Flagg for services as School Committee for the year ending April 1, 1859,..... 11 00
Lewis Sumner for breaking Road and filling up Holes in Upper South Highway District,..... 8 90
William Pierce for repairs on South School House,..... 1 50
Ezekiel Peabody for services as Liquor Agent from May 1, 1858, to April 5, 1859,..... 46 40
Bill Burrill 2d, for breaking Roads in Centre Highway District, 3 63
Nathan Longfellow for services as School Committee for the year ending April 1, 1859,..... 40 00
Benj. G. Kimball for services as School Committe for the year ending April 1, 1859,..... 34 00
Saul S. Seagraves for breaking Roads in Northwest Highway District,..... 2 76
William Flagg, for cash paid for Verdict, Interest and Taxable Cost of the Suit of D. M. Gerry against the Town,.....1257 34
Geo. C. Kingsbury, for breaking Roads in Upper Falls Highway District,..... 8 82
Thomas Kingsbury, for Interest paid State Treasurer, on Town's Note,..... 150 00
E. P. Hollis, for Refreshments furnished Engine Companies from Natick, at the fire in H. H. Hunnewell's Woods,..... 8 65
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., for cash paid 15 Members of Cataract Engine Company, No. 1, Newton Lower Falls,..... 75 00
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., for cash paid 5 Members of Mechanic Engine Company, Newton Upper Falls,..... 25 00
George Jennings, for cash paid for services rendered at the fire of Noyes House, West Needham,..... 2 25
Solomon F. Smith, for furnishing Oil and hanging Lantern at the Bridge near his house 12 weeks, also for Lantern stolen, 13 13
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid Savings Institution, Dedham, for Interest on Treasurer's Note,..... 30 00
Also for cash paid for printing,..... 4 50
George Jennings, for cash paid Samuel Chism for printing Tax Bills; also for Refreshments furnished Natick Engine Company, at the fire May 26, 1859,..... 20 50

Paid Charles McIntosh, for breaking Road in Centre Highway District,	$3 24
Henry L. Howe, for breaking Road in North Highway District; also for drawing Engine to fires,	6 87
T. N. Smith, for Lumber furnished, and repairs on Centre School House,	22 84
Solomon Flagg, S. G. William, and Jonathan Avery, for services as Assessors,	178 00
Galen Orr, for services meeting County Commissioners, Examining Roads, Dividing Highway Money, and meetings at the Almshouse from March 14, to June 13, 1859,	29 75
William Flagg, for services meeting Selectmen at Almshouse, from March 14, to July 1, 1859; also meeting County Commissioners, examining Roads and Bridges, also for repairing Bridges, and cash paid for Refreshments for Natick Engine Company and D. Ware,	81 93
Nathaniel Wales, for services at Almshouse, meeting Selectmen from March 14th to June 6th, 1859; also, meeting County Commissioners, examining Road and Bridges, dividing Highway money, and cash paid for Stationery,	34 50
William Flagg, for cash paid for advice on matters respecting Paupers, and looking-up residences, and traveling expenses; also for searching Records, from March 14th to June 28th, 1859,	17 00
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for Printing 500 copies of School Committee's Report,	19 00
Solomon Flagg, for interest paid on money borrowed for use of the Town, May 23d, 1859,	9 44
Henry L. Stone, for Breaking Roads in North Highway District,	2 50
Solomon Flagg, for Interest paid Julia A. Sylvester on Treasurer's Note for $2000,	60 00
Solomon Flagg, for interest paid Savings Institution, Dedham, for Interest on Treasurer's Note,	45 00
Solomon Flagg, for Interest paid the State Treasurer on the Town's Note,	150 00
Benj. G. Kimball, for services as School Committee to November 1st, 1859,	17 95
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for labor and materials furnished for building Book Case at Town Hall,	52 08
Wales & Mills, for Refreshments furnished Cataract Engine Co. at fire in Grantville,	5 07
Otis Atherton, for Refreshments furnished Cataract Engine Co. at fire in Grantville,	7 21
Solomon Flagg, for services as Town Clerk and School Committee, for six months from March 1st, 1859,	49 00
Galen Orr, for services at Almshouse, meeting County Commissioners, and other services as Selectman, to Nov. 1st, 1859,	18 00
T. N. Smith, for Lumber furnished for Alms House,	14 65
William Flagg, for services as Selectman, meeting County Commissioners, examining lines of School land, making out accounts of Paupers and Indigent Children,	21 25
Nath'l Wales, Jr., for services as Selectman at Town House, meeting County Commissioners, and other services,	12 00
John M. Harris, for services as Surveyor on the line between Needham and Natick, and Town ways,	39 75

Paid Nathan Longfellow, for services as School Committee to Nov. 1st, 1859,..... $23 00
T. N. Smith, for Lumber and Labor repairing East School House,..... 30 95
Wright & Potter, for Printing 700 Reports on Division of the Town,..... 17 12
Solomon Flagg, for Insurance Policies on Town Buildings,..... 49 25
Solomon Flagg, for Note and Interest paid the Dedham Savings Institution,.....1508 75
Solomon Flagg, for money paid J. A. Sylvester's Note for money borrowed, ... 200 00
Solomon Flagg, for money paid State Treasurer for State Tax,.. 432 00
William Flagg, for cash paid Samuel Chism for Printing 57 copies of List of Voters, ... 10 00
William Pierce, for repairs on South Schoolhouse,..... 4 43
Bill Burrill, 2d, for posting Dog Notices and other labor as Constable, ... 6 12
George Jennings, for serving Town Clerk's Warrant for March and April, summoning 42 persons, traveling 47 miles, making return to Selectmen of persons who had paid Poll Tax, and making return to Town Clerk of 15 deaths,..... 18 66
Dexter Kingsbury, for Brick, Lumber and Pump for Cistern at Almshouse, and cash paid for Printing Notices for Town Meeting,..... 44 95
Solomon Flagg, for Note and Interest paid Julia A. Sylvester, borrowed by vote of the Town,.....1827 10
J. L. Tarbox, for five Sheep killed by Dogs, A.D. 1859,..... 35 00
Solomon Flagg, for taking Census of Births and recording the same, recording Marriages and Deaths, issuing Dog Licenses, Repairs on West School House, and cash paid for Postage and Express,..... 61 15
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid L. C. French, for Stove and Pipe for Grantville School House,..... 38 24
Solomon Flagg, for Interest paid the Dedham Savings Institution on Treasurer's Note,..... 30 00
Hezekiah Fuller, Jr., for 2 Stoves for North School House and repairing Pump,..... 9 83
J. J. Perry, for Stones furnished for bounds on the line between Needham and Natick,..... 10 00
Willard Marcy, for Refreshments furnished at the fire of Thomas Rice's Mill,..... 9 02
Solomon Flagg, for money refunded as Dog Tax for A.D. 1858,. 31 00
Isaac M. Kingsbury, for Underpinning Piazza at North School House,..... 3 00
Thomas Kingsbury, for Interest paid Dedham Institution for Savings,..... 45 00
Thomas Kingsbury, for money refunded as Dog Tax for A.D. 1858,..... 105 00
Thomas Kingsbury, for cash paid George E. Eaton for Insurance on the East and West School Houses,..... 10 40
Thomas Kingsbury, for services as Treasurer to May 10th, 1859,. 10 00

$4608 34

Recapitulation.

Paid for building Pierce Road, and repairs of Highways and Bridges,	$3162 54
for Support of Poor,	1091 14
for Support of Schools,	2649 36
for Discounts, Abatements, and Collection of Taxes,	1272 44
for other necessary charges and expenses,	4608 34
	$12783 82

Grants and Appropriations for the Year.

For Building New Roads and Repair of Highways and Bridges, including deficiencies in Highway Grant for A.D. 1858,	$3435 49
Support of Poor,	1000 00
Support of Schools, including $100 interest on School Fund,	2500 00
Discounts, Abatements and Collection of Taxes,	1200 00
Other necessary charges and expenses,	4600 00
	$12735 49

Committed to the Collector in addition to Grants.

State Tax,	$432 00
County Tax,	919 70
Overlayings,	315 60
	$1667 30

Auditors' Report.

At a meeting held April 4, 1859, the Town voted that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be a Committee to audit the accounts for the current year; to investigate the affairs of the Alms House; to settle with Town Treasurer up to February 15th, 1860, and cause the same to be printed for distribution at or before the annual March Meeting.

THOMAS KINGSBURY, ESQ., TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM, FROM FEB. 15, 1859, TO MAY 10, 1859.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance in hands of Treasurer,	$1050 04	By cash paid Dedham Bank, for money borrowed,	$1000 00
cash received of George Jennings, Collector of Taxes,	2215 40	cash paid on Orders and Receipts,	4222 00
cash received of J. A. Sylvester, money borrowed,	2000 00	Balance due the Town,	71 67
cash received of E. Peabody, Liquor Agent,	28 23		
	$5293 67		$5293 67

GALEN ORR,
NATH'L WALES, JR.,
WILLIAM FLAGG,
SOLOMON FLAGG,
} AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SOLOMON FLAGG, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM, FROM MAY 23, 1859, TO FEB. 15, 1860.

Dr.		Cr.	
To cash received of Elliot Alden, for Board of his Father,	$19 00	By cash paid J. A. Sylvester, being Note against the Town, with Interest,	$2087 10
cash received of the Commonwealth as School Fund,	102 06	cash paid Commonwealth for Interest,	300 00
cash received of James L. Tarbox for Town Map,	50	cash paid State Tax,	432 00
cash received of Elliot Alden, for Board of his Father,	26 00	cash paid for Orders drawn during the year,	8524 38
cash received of Town Clerk for Dog Licenses,	161 00		
received of George Jennings, Collector of Taxes for A.D. 1859,	11014 22		
Balance due the Treasurer,	20 70		
	$11,343 48		$11343 48

GALEN ORR,
NATH'L WALES, JR.,
WILLIAM FLAGG,
} AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Report of the Committee on the Alms House Institution.

Dr.		Cr.	
Loss on Personal Property,	$343 86	By a reduction on Personal Property now on hand,	$192 35
Amount of Orders drawn for Supplies and Warden's services,	705 17	By use of Town Hall,	60 00
Rent of Farm,	300 00	By lighting and warming Hall and Office,	6 00
Probable Tax on Property,	30 00	165 Meals furnished Town Officers and Committees,	33 00
Interest on Personal Property,	78 00	443 Meals furnished for transient persons,	88 60
		By Drawing Stone and Laying 50 rods of Wall,	50 00
		By cash in the hands of Warden,	222 52
		Balance against Institution,	804 56
	$1457 03		$1457 03

There have been 937 weeks' board at the Alms House the past year, which, according to the above statement would be eighty-five cents nine mills per week.

Liquor Agency.

			Invested Capital.
Liquor on hand, Feb. 15th, 1859,		$203 23	$203 23
Liquor purchased by Agent in 1859,		38 49	
Whole amount of Liquor received,		$241 72	
Amount of Liquor on hand, Feb. 15th, 1860,		84 38	
Shows what the Liquor cost that was sold,		$157 34	
Now deduct it from sales and it shows		18 68	gain over cost.
Feb. 15, 1860.			
The amount of sales returned is		$176 02	
Cash paid out of sales for purchase,	$38 49		
Agent's salary,	50 00		
		88 49	
Feb. 15, 1860.			
Cash in the Agent's hands,		$87 53	
Amount of Liquor on hand, Feb. 15, 1860,		84 38	
			171 91
And Stock in the Agent's hands, Feb. 15, 1860, deducted from Stock started with Feb. 15, 1859, shows a loss to the Town of		amount	31 32
			$203 23

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS

OF THE BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN NEEDHAM, ARE FOR THE YEAR 1859.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of Births,	68	Of American Parents,	33
Males,	34	" Irish "	27
Females,	34	" English "	6
		" German "	1
		" Canadian, "	1

CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE.

During the year 1859 there have been in Needham,.....19
Where both parties belonged to Needham,.....11
Where but one party,..... 8

There have been returned to the Town Clerk during the year 1859, nine Certificates of Marriage.

DEATHS.

The whole number of Deaths in 1859, was 36

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption,	12	Congestion of the Lungs,	1
Lung Fever,	3	Pleurisy,	1
Typhoid Fever,	3	Malformation of the Heart,	1
Cancer,	3	Scrofula,	1
Dropsy,	2	Hooping Cough,	1
Exposure,	2	Fits,	1
Cholera Infantum,	1	Disease of the Lungs,	1
Teething,	1	Unknown,	1
Hydrophobia,	1		

AGES.

Under 5 years,	5	" 40 and 50,	5
Between 5 and 10,	2	" 50 and 60,	4
" 10 and 20,	2	" 60 and 70,	6
" 20 and 30,	3	" 70 and 80,	5
" 30 and 40,	4		

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

NEEDHAM

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED APRIL 30, 1860.

"*Labor omnia vincit.*"

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1860.

INTRODUCTORY.

On the 30th of April, of the present year, the Citizens of Needham were invited to assemble at Village Hall, Needham Plain, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a town Horticultural Society. The meeting was organized by the election of E. K. Whitaker as Chairman, and Geo. W. Palmer as Secretary. The object of the meeting having been fully discussed, it was decided to form such a society; and Messrs. C. E. Keith, A. Harvey and Geo. Howland were appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws. On the 7th of May, at an adjourned meeting, the Committee made their report, which was accepted, and the society at once embarked upon a course of active operations.

The 1st Article of the Constitution indicates the designs of the Society:

"The object of the Society shall be the promotion of Horticulture —and, incidentally, Agriculture, Floriculture, and general Improvements. Its plan of action shall be by Meetings, Discussions, Lectures, Correspondence, Exhibitions, Premiums, Prizes, Planting of Trees, gathering of Statistics, and making record of important local events."

In accordance with the above, the Society, since its organization, has held nine public meetings, exclusive of the two evenings devoted to its Exhibition.

At these meetings, reports of committees upon various interesting subjects have been made and placed upon the records of the Society. Among these have been a Report upon the PLANTING OF SHADE TREES upon the public streets and roads of the town since the commencement of the present century—with the names so far as ascertained of those citizens who have thus ornamented our highways;

a Report upon the Farms, Gardens and Orchards of Needham, with the number and age, as far as practicable, of the Fruit and Ornamental Trees thereon; a Report of the visit of a Committee to the Pear-Orchard and Grounds of John Gordon, Esq., of Brighton,—with details of Mr. Gordon's method and remarkable success in Pear culture.

Various other reports and transactions have been entered upon the records of the Society, which are accessible to its members, and which, it is believed, will not be without value at a future day.

We take the liberty to diverge slightly from statements immediately connected with the organization of the Society.

The area of Needham exceeds twenty-three square miles. The Charles River, which nearly encircles the town, separates it from Newton, Natick, Dover, Dedham and West Roxbury. The town contains several villages, located either by the river or on plains of very considerable elevation, which for healthfulness, fertility, and beauty of surrounding scenery, will compare favorably with any portion of the Commonwealth. Two railroads give to the inhabitants easy access to Boston, and furnish every facility for persons engaged in business in the city to reach the town at all seasons of the year. The advantages thus presented for settlement are being appreciated. The formation of this Horticultural Society may perhaps be considered as one of the many evidences of progress in the town. A healthy emulation in Horticultural pursuits has sprung into life among our citizens, and it is believed that a laudable town pride has been awakened, to encourage which will be a leading object of this society.

The first public Exhibition of the society was held on the evenings of the 24th and 25th ult., and gave evidence of a degree of excellence in the Fruits, Flowers and Vegetable productions of Needham which surprised and delighted all present. Not less admired were the useful and beautiful productions of Art kindly contributed by the ladies of the town. The various articles were offered by Seventy-Six Contributors. Had an earlier and more extended notice been given, numerous other contributions would doubtless have been sent to give additional interest to the Exhibition.

On the evening of the 24th, the hall was crowded by visitors from all parts of the town. On entering the hall, the results of the good

judgment, taste and unwearied efforts of the COMMITTEE OF LADIES, was instantly recognized and warmly appreciated. To them the society was indebted for the charming floral decorations, which, next to their own presence and that of their fair towns-women, gave to the exhibition its greatest attraction. After the company had carefully inspected the fine display of the products of their own soil, and given due commendation to the specimens of the taste and handi-work of the Needham ladies,—making their individual estimates upon the comparative merits of the various contributions,—the President called upon Rev. Mr. Atwood, of Grantville, and Rev. Messrs. Willard and Green, of Needham Plain, to say publicly what the occasion required. Each of these gentlemen promptly and eloquently responded; and, the evening being far advanced, it was voted unanimously to continue the exhibition another evening, and then hear the Society's Report upon its first annual Fair. Accordingly, on the following evening, Charles E. Keith, from the Committee appointed by the Society, read an able report upon the Exhibition, which was received with great gratification by the assembled citizens. Ample compensation had already been given for the labor and fatigue of those who had been especially active in this undertaking; but the sparkling allusions and happy comparisons contained in the report were just what were required to render the success of the affair complete. It would perhaps have been proper to have selected for publication those portions of the report which give special prominence to particular contributions; but the Society's first exhibition was a *volunteer* enterprise, and as it was decided to award neither premiums nor diplomas, it has been thought best not to interfere with the private judgment of those who witnessed the display, by attempting the invidious task of distinguishing the superiority of any contributions, in these introductory statements.

Congratulatory speeches were made at the close of the reading of the report, by J. Smith Whitaker, Esq., of New Orleans, Dr. Josiah Noyes, and Rev. Adiel Harvey, Principal of Oakland Institute, Needham Plain. The first speaker gave a graphic description of the town as it appeared to him twenty-five years ago, and was very felicitous in his allusions to the changes and improvements discernable in 1860. The speakers who followed were quite up to the occasion,—the re-

marks of Dr. Noyes being inspired by his active services in aid of the society;—and all present were especially gratified to learn that Mr. Harvey was entirely satisfied with the beautiful retreat he has secured in the groves of Needham.

We cannot more appropriately close this notice of the Society and its Exhibition, than by the use of the words with which Mr. Keith closed his admirable report:

"We sincerely hope that the beginning thus made may be followed by far greater success; that on future anniversaries we may witness still higher efforts; and finally behold results of which our town may be proud. In conclusion we would express the desire, that our Society, from this modest beginning, may become so extended in usefulness as to be a valuable auxilliary to the time-honored Institutions for the promotion of kindred objects in our county and Commonwealth."

Needham, October, 1860.

EXHIBITION.

ARTEMAS NEWELL.

7 Large Pumpkins from one seed.
17 Davis' Seedling Potatoes.
24 State of Maine do.
2 Braids Webster White Corn.
1 Box Lima Beans. 4 Short Early Carrots
3 Mangel-Wurzel Beets. 4 Blood do. 5 Turnip do.
1 Box each Red and Yellow Strawberry Tomatoes for preserving.
1 Basket contg. 12 Liscomb Apples.
1 Plate Louise Bonne Jersey Pears.
1 do Seckel do.
1 French Cast of a Belle Angerine Pear.
1 Plate Native Grapes.

MRS. ARTEMAS NEWELL, (Senior.)

1 Doz. fine Wool Socks.

BILL BURRILL, 2d.

1 Basket Davis' Seedling Potatoes. 1 Braid Corn.
6 Marrow Squashes.

ABIJAH GREENWOOD.

1 Plate Pears from Quince Stock. 1 do Apples.

R. B. CARTER.

2 Drum-head Cabbages. 1 Watermelon.
1 Braid Pop Corn. 5 Pumpkins from one seed.
1 Bunch of 7 Potatoes on one root.

JONATHAN AVERY.

1 Basket Turnip Blood Beets. 2 do Silver-skin Onions.
1 Plate York-Russet Apples. 1 do Porter and Pippin Apples.

MISS JANE AVERY.

1 Picture of a Rose—in water colors.
1 do of a Head—drawn in crayon.

JOHN HENDERSON.

5 Winningsted Cabbages. 1 Box Purple-top Turnips.
5 Marrow Squashes—plants transplanted.
6 Ruta Bagas. 1 Box Tomatoes.
3 Large Pumpkins from one seed.
1 Box Porter Apples. 1 do Russet Apples.

CHARLES MAYO KIMBALL.

1 Large Marrow Squash. 1 Braid Corn.

H. N. BACHELLER.

1 Plate Gravenstein Apples.
1 Squirrel Cage, constructed of tin, in Imitation of a Georgia Log-house.

MRS. H. N. BACHELLER.

1 Drawing—subject, Children's Savior—frame of corn work.
1 Chrystalotype with cone-work frame.

MISS M. LOUISE BACHELLER.

1 Watch Case.

MISS HARRIET E. KINGSBURY.

1 Ottoman of Raised Worsted Work.
1 Elegant Specimen of Hair Work.
1 Cushion Cover—Raised Worsted Work.
1 Cushion, 1 Mat, 1 Watch Case of Bead Work.

MISS JULIA M. HARLOW.

1 Ottoman Cover of Wrought Worsted Work.

MISS HELEN PALMER.

1 Beautiful Table Bouquet.

F. F. STEDMAN.

1 Dish Native White Grapes.
1 large collection of seven varieties of Apples from one tree.
2 large English Turnips.
1 Dish Cultivated Cranberries.
1 of seven stalks Egyptian Corn from one seed.

MRS. F. F. STEDMAN.

1 specimen of Hair Work, elegantly framed.
1 Chennile Mat. 2 Embroidered Vests.
1 Parlor Chair, beautifully embroidered with Beads.
1 Box Butter, superior, and only specimen exhibited.

WILLIAM M. STEDMAN.

1 Dish Lawton Blackberries.
1 Basket Dahlias and other Flowers, rich and beautiful.
11 Plates, containing eleven choice varieties Apples.

MOSES WINCH.

. Box cultivated Cranberries.
. Plate Baldwin Apples. 1 lot Turnips.

WILLIAM LYON.

2 Dishes Peaches.
1 Dish each, Red and Yellow Tomatoes, six varieties.
1 Dish each, Porter, Spice and High-Top Sweeting Apples.
1 Plate Ladies Apples. 1 Plate Egg Apples.
3 Hubbard and 4 Crook-Neck Squashes.

JAMES CARTWRIGHT, (West Needham.)

3 Mammoth Squashes, 96, 98 and 105 lbs.
1 Box, containing four varieties Onions.
7 Plates, containing seven varieties Tomatoes.
5 Parti-Colored Gourds.
1 Lot Davis' Seedling Potatoes.
1 do. Jackson White do
1 do. St. Helena do
1 Bunch Turnips.

E. K. WHITAKER.

1 Basket Duchesse d'Agouleme Pears.
1 do Louise Bonne de Jersey do
1 Dish Bartlett do. 1 do Dix do.
1 do Cattilac do
1 Basket Rhode Island Greening Apples.
1 do London Dwarf do
1 do New Jersey Pippin do
1 do Siberian Crab do
1 Dish Native Grapes. 1 do. Isabella do.
1 Bunch each of Parsnips and Carrots.
1 do do of Sugar and Mangel Wurzel Beets.

MRS. E. K. WHITAKER.

1 Bouquet of Flowers.

GEO. W. PALMER.

1 Imperial Stand-bouquet of Flowers.
1 Large Parlor do do. 1 Hand do do.
28 Varieties of Cut Dahlias.

PEARS.

1 Branch bearing 48 Gros Dillen.
1 Plate Bartlett. 1 do Swans Egg.
1 do Andrews. 1 do Colmar d'Aremberg.
2 do Belle et Bonne. 1 do St. Chislain.
1 do Knight's Monarch. 2 do Duchesse d'Angouleme.
1 do Vicar of Winkfield. 1 do Napoleon.

1 Plate Gloux Morceaux. 1 do Beurre Diel.

APPLES.

1 Plate Fall Pippins. 1 do Governor.
1 do Siberian Crab. 1 do Gravenstein.
1 do Strawberry. 1 do Williams' Favorite.
1 do Gardner's Sweeting.

GRAPES.

1 Plate Richardson's Seedling. 1 do Concord.
1 do Early Strawberry. 1 Mammoth Bunch Isabella.
1 do Crawford's late Peaches. 1 do Bergen's Yellow Peaches.

MRS. GEO. W. PALMER.

1 Mammoth Jenny Lind Potato. 1 Plate Nonsuch Apples.

L. H. PALMER.

1 Plate St. Michael Pears.

H. H. WHITE.

1 Chess Board, inlaid with 94 pieces of wood.

GEORGE HOWE.

1 Box Scarlet Squash Peppers. 1 Basket Apple Tomatoes.
2 Collections Dahlias, seven varieties on one Stalk.
1 German Cabbage.

MISS R. HOWLAND.

1 Ornamented Frame, Leather Work.
1 Embroidered Handkerchief. 1 Pin Cushion.

MISS EMMA GOULD.

1 Cone Wreath.

GEO. E. EATON.

APPLES.

1 Basket contg. 24 Pound Pippins. 1 Dish R. Island Greenings.
1 Dish Roxbury Russets. 1 do Baldwins. 1 do Hubbardston Nonsuch.

C. W. MORTON.

1 Branch Golden Russet Apples. 1 Basket Orange Carrots.

DANIEL KIMBALL.

1 Large Basket contg. 12 superior varieties Apples.

C. G. UPHAM.

4 Marrow Squashes. 3 Braids Yellow Corn.
3 Savoy and Drumhead Cabbages.

O. E. BOWEN.

2 Marrow Squashes. 1 Dish each Concord and Diana Grapes.

WARREN DEWING.

1 Plate Bartlett Pears. 1 do Seckel.

APPLES.

1 Plate Fall Russets. 1 do Roxbury do.
1 do R. I. Greenings. 1 do Winter do.
1 do Porter. 1 do High Top Sweetings.
1 do Mackay Sweetings. 1 do Orange do.
1 do Golden do. 1 do Seedling do.
1 do Hubbardston Nonsuch. 1 do Pearmains.

MRS. WARREN DEWING.

1 Pot Geranium, Rich Foliage.

JAMES GRAY, (West Needham.)

4 Mammoth Squashes. 3 Marrow do.
3 Hubbards do. 2 Orange do.
1 Egg Plant. 2 Pots Plants.
125 Varieties of Cut Flowers, rare and beautiful.

MISS M. J. BULLEN.

1 Mat of Raised Worsted Work.
1 Pair of Wrought Slippers.

JOHN MILLS.

1 Basket Large Porter Apples.
1 do do New York Russets do.
1 do do Rhode Island Greenings do.

MISS C. E. JONES.

1 Wrought Mat. 1 do Work Basket. 1 Hair Wreath.
1 Box contg. Embroidered Articles, viz:
2 Watch Cases, 1 Needle Book, 2 Book Marks, 1 Cushion,
1 Embroidered Sofa Pillow.

LEONARD SMITH.

1 Box Porter Apples. 1 Box Baldwin do. 1 Bartlett Pears.

J. L. TARBOX.

4 Varieties Potatoes. 2 Pumpkins.
1 Braid Corn. 1 Basket Cultivated Cranberries.

MRS. J. L. TARBOX.

2 Bouquet Flowers. 1 Wrought Lamp Mat.

DR. JOSIAH NOYES.

1 Plate Pock's Pleasant Apples.
1 do New York Pippins do.
1 do Native Grapes.

MRS. JOSIAH NOYES.

1 Pot Fuschias in Bloom. 1 Bouquet of Dahlias.
1 Bouquet, composed of Various Rare Flowers.

1 Oil Painting (by Miss J. Avery,) ornamented frame by Mrs. Noyes
1 Watch Case, Embroidered. 1 Fir Cone Frame.

Mrs. Whiting McIntosh.

1 Engraving with Cone Frame.
1 Photograph of C. McIntosh, with Cone Frame.
1 Portrait of Col. Marshall P. Wilder, with Cone Frame.
1 Splendid Pyramidal Bouquet of Flowers.
2 Pots Crown Asters. 2 do China Asters.
1 Basket Variegated Dahlias.
1 Large Basket contg. Apples and Tomatoes.
1 Box Cultivated Cranberries.

J. M. Colcord.

8 Hubbard Squashes. 1 Large Scollop do.

C. H. & G. W. Dewing.

1 Plate Large Duchesse D'Angouleme Pears.

Mrs. Mary McIntosh.

1 Table Bouquet of Dahlias.

Miss Angelina Hoffses.

1 Table Bouquet of Flowers.

Miss H. Greenwood.

1 Embroidered Pin Cushion.

Mrs. C. H. Dewing.

1 Pyramidal Bouquet of Flowers.
1 Picture Frame of Leather Work.
1 Oriental Painting.

John M. Harris.

1 Dish Hubbardston Nonsuch Apples.
1 do Andrews Pears.

Marshall Newell.

5 Stalks Corn, having 21 Ears.
2 Water Melons. 1 Box Tomatoes.
4 Large Turnip Beets. 1 String Onions.

J. B. Wetherell, (Newton Upper Falls.)

apples, (All Superior.)

2 Doz. Porter. 1 do Baldwin.
1 do. Hubbardston Nonsuch.
1 do Pumpkin Sweetings. 15 Rhode Island Greenings.

Miss Deliah Wetherell, (Newton Upper Falls.)

1 Embroidered Mat. 1 do Cushion.

E. S. Atwood, (Grantville.)

1 Basket Large Davis' Seedling Potatoes.

Mrs. E. S. Atwood, (Grantville.)

1 Wrought Fine Wool Shawl.

C. B. Patten, (Grantville,)
(place of late Mr. Perkins.)

1 Large Basket Superior Hubbardston Nonsuch Apples.

F. S. Munroe, (Grantville.)

1 Silver-plated Pitcher.
1 do Butter Dish.
1 do Goblet.

Mrs. G. W. C. Washburn.

2 Table Bouquets Flowers. 3 Hand do do.
1 Embroidered Cover. 1 do Cushion.
1 Pair Richly Embroidered Suspenders.

Oakland Institute.

1 Large Cabbage. 1 Bunch Celery. 8 Carrots.
2 Ruta Bagas. 1 French Turnip. 1 Large Cucumber.
4 Varieties Potatoes. 1 Hubbard and 2 Marrow Squashes.
1 Dish Apples. 3 Hand Bouquets Flowers.
1 String Onions. 2 Boxes Tomatoes.

Geo. H. Gay.

1 Dish Large Bartlett Pears.

William Bennett.

1 Box contg. 2 Mammoth Turnips.

Mark Lee.

3 Mangel Wurzel. 3 White Sugar Beets.

Miss Myra Smith.

1 Beautiful Wax-work Bouquet of Flowers in a Glass Case.
1 Bead-work Mat. 1 Large Pyramid of Flowers.

Miss Sarah C. Mills.

1 What-Not, Elegantly Wrought in Leather.
1 Picture of Raised Needle-work.
1 Wreath of Pressed Flowers—Cone Frame.

Davis C. Mills.

1 Basket New Jersey Pippin Apples.

Charles E. Keith.

1 Sample Double Sole Nailed Miners' Shoes.
1 do do Plough do.
1 do do Hunters do.

Miss Harriet E. Sawyer.

1 Wreath of Pressed Flowers, enclosed in Cone Frame.
1 Beautiful Fruit Picture, in Water Colors.

Mrs. John Bird, (Grantville.)
1 Dish Fine Hubbardston Nonsuch Apples.

Young Ladies of Oakland Institute.
A Bouquet of Flowers—a Gift to the Society through the hands of the President.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We the undersigned do hereby agree to adopt the following Constitution and the several By-Laws that may be passed in accordance with its provisions.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

The name of this society shall be the NEEDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Its object shall be the promotion of Horticulture, and incidentally Agriculture, Floriculture, and general Improvements.

Its plan of action shall be by Meetings, Discussions, Lectures, Correspondence, Exhibitions, Premiums, Prizes, Planting of Trees, gathering of Statistics, and making Record of important local events.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person of good moral character may become a member of this society by subscribing to this Constitution, and paying into its Treasury fifty cents annually.

Honorary Members may be admitted by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting.

Life Memberships may be constituted by the payment of Five Dollars.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, nine Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Standing Committee consisting of nine persons.

The President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Standing Committee shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

The annual meetings of this Society for the election of officers by ballot, shall be held on the 1st Monday evening in May. Other meetings may be held by notice of the Secretary in accordance with a vote of the Society, or a written request of five members.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

This Constitution may be amended, at any meeting called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. By-Laws may be passed at any regular meeting of the society.

OFFICERS.

President :

Edgar K. Whitaker.

Vice Presidents :

Charles E. Keith, Adiel Harvey, Galen Orr, W. N. Eayres, William M. Stedman, Jonathan Avery, J. M. Colcord, E. P. Hollis, John W. Shaw.

Secretary :

H. N. Batcheller.

Treasurer :

George Howland.

Standing Committee :

Geo. W. Palmer, John M. Harris, Otis E. Bowen, Augustus Eaton, J. Minchin, C. H. Dewing, Marshall Newell, M. J, Scudder, C. Blaisdell.

MEMBERS.

Avery Jonathan

Batcheller H. N.
Batcheller Mrs. H. N.
Bowen Otis E.
Bowen Mrs. Otis E.
Burnham John
Blaisdell Charles

Carter R. B.
Colcord J. M.

Dewing C. H.
Dewing G. W.
Dimick Jacob C.
De Les Dernier G. F.

Evans C. E.
Eayres William
Eaton Augustus

Freeman William

Greenwood C. C.
Gay Geo. H.
Geyer John M.
Gray George

Harvey Adiel
Howland George
Harris John M.
Henderson John
Hollis E. P.
Heustis David P.

Jones C. W.

Keith Charles E.
Kingsbury L.
Knapp W. H.

Lyon William
Lee Mark

Minchin J.
Mills John
Mayo John F. J.
Morton William H.

Newell Marshall
Newell Mrs. Marshall
Newell Mrs. Martha S.
Newell Miss Martha A.
Noyes Mrs. Josiah

Orr Galen

Pickering Oliver
Pickering Mrs. Oliver
Palmer George W.
Palmer Mrs. G. W.
Pierce William

Scudder M. J.
Stedman William M.
Stedman F. F.
Shaw John W.
Stedman Mrs. F. F.

Tarbox J. L.

Upham Cyrus G.

Whitaker Edgar K.
Whitaker Mrs. E. K.
Winch Moses
Washburn G. W. C.
Washburn Mrs. G. W. C.
Weston Nathan Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Daniel Kimball, Needham.
Josiah Noyes, "
F. A. Willard, "
W. B. Green, "
A. R. Baker, " (West N.)
E. S. Atwood, " (Grantville.)
Jacob B. Wetherell, Newton, (Upper Falls.)
N. Longfellow, Needham, (Grantville.)
H. H. Hunnewell, " (West N.)
H. F. Durant, " "
A. D. Webber, " "
H. L. Stone, " (Grantville.)
Marshall S. Rice, Newton (Center,)
Elisha Lyon, Needham.
Artemas Newell, "
E. Chamberlain, Brighton.
I. Ayling, Needham, (Grantville.)
E. Small, Newton, (Oak Hill.)
H. O. Hildreth, Dedham.
Warren Dewing, Needham.
Adiel Harvey, "
J. Smith Whitaker, New Orleans, La.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE YEAR

1860-61.

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REPORT:

FELLOW CITIZENS:—According to your request and the Laws of this Commonwealth, the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Needham, present the the following Report:

EAST SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM—Miss Sarah D. Brettun, teacher. Number of Scholars 52, average attendance 32. This was Miss Brettun's first attempt in school teaching, and, all things considered, she did well. This school is composed almost entirely of scholars of foreign birth or parentage, and, though the children are generally bright and apt to learn, they seem to want energy and stability of character. A restless, uneasy, no-study disposition seemed to be the general characteristic of the school; and though the Teacher was industrious and persevering, there was not that general progress in study and rectitude of conduct, that either the Teacher or Commitee desired.

This school needs the services and devotion of an able and experienced teacher, to keep it within proper bounds of moral rectitude, and to place it in the proper path of general and correct improvement. The average attendance was quite low, and demands the special attention of both parents and teacher.

WINTER TERM—Mr. A. G. Longfellow, teacher. Number of scholars 46, average attendance 37. The school averaged better than in summer and was less tardy. Though the order and discipline were good, the same general restless, care-nothing disposition was a prominent feature of the school. To overcome this general defect and to give a healthy and vigorous tone to the

whole school, the teacher seemed to be unwearied in his efforts; and, your Committee are happy to say that a marked improvement was manifest, both at our casual visits and at the closing examination of the school. On the whole, the school was well taught in their various studies and lessons, and the scholars generally seemed to excel in good spelling.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Miss Angeline E. Hofses, teacher. Number of scholars 44, average 34. Though this school was rather large and the classes numerous, still on the whole, the improvement was very good. Miss Hofses has taught this school for several years and with a good degree of success. She has spared no pains to advance her pupils, and a gradual improvement has been the happy result.

Winter Term—Lower Department—Miss Hofses had the charge of this department this term. Number of scholars 34, average attendance 26. Her number being smaller than in Summer, her task was lighter, and the improvement better. The school generally, when visited by the Committe, appeared well, and never better than at the closing examination. A decided improvement was observed in reading and spelling.

Winter Term—Upper Department—Mr. Edwin H. Palmer, teacher. Number of scholars 37, average 32. This was Mr. Palmer's first term in this school. Teacher and pupils being entire strangers to each other, so marked a degree of success in the school was not anticipated as the last winter, under the charge of an old and tried teacher; still a fair progress was made in the various studies and lessons. Mr. Palmer is a thorough teacher, and labored hard to have his scholars well understand all they passed over. In this school there are good scholars, and we listened to some excellent recitations on the day of examination. Elevate the order and discipline of this department, and correct some other little defects, and it will stand beside our best schools in Town.

GREAT PLAIN'S SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Lower Department—Miss Adeline M. Eaton, teacher. Number of scholars 56, average attendance 42. Miss Eaton has taught this department for several years, and the school still maintains an elevated rank. The Teacher's zeal and interest in the welfare of her pupils seem to increase, if anything, with her number of terms of instruction in this school. Her motto, as formerly, is "Onward and Upward," and she spares no pains to bring every child in her charge up to the point of her ambition. This school is noted, not only for good singing and map drawing, but also for good reading and spelling.

Winter Term—Lower Department—Miss Adeline M. Eaton, teacher. Number of scholars 50, average attendance 35. The same teacher as in Summer had charge of this department, and labors with as much cheerfulness and success as formerly. The average attendance was lower than in Summer, on account of bad colds and sickness among the scholars. This school exhibits ample proof of study and diligence, a marked attention to discipline, order, and good training; and is inferior to no primary school in town.

Summer Term—Upper Department—Miss Caroline E. Dewing, teacher. Number of scholars 36, average attendance 30. Both Teacher and pupils have done well in this department this term. The character and progress of this school were never better. Miss Dewing is an educator; she *points out* and the pupil *performs*—a rare qualification that too often is wanting in our teachers. The order and discipline were good and all the labors of the school-room were of a superior character. A marked precision and correctness in all the lessons and answers were observed, and were worthy of imitation and praise.

Winter Term—Upper Department—Miss Emily H. Chickering, teacher. Number of scholars 31, average attendance 25. This was Miss Chickering's first term in this school. For a young teacher to follow an experienced one with complete success, in an ordinary

school, is no easy task; and more especially in this school-room, where, the last year the discipline, order, and perfection of school teaching had taken so high a stand in the estimation, not only of the Committee, but also of the parents and scholars. But, even under the above embarrassments, we think the general character of the school has been good, and that the lessons were generally well learned and understood by the scholars. Whenever we have visited the school we have observed a general good feeling to exist between the teacher and scholars, and also a general diligence and disposition on the part of the scholars to obey the teacher and to have a good school. Miss Chickering seems to have the germs of an able and useful teacher, and by proper care and effort on her part, will one day take an elevated stand among our best teachers.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term — Miss Henrietta Stevens, teacher. Number of scholars 30, average attendance 17. This school, the present term, has been rather smaller than usual, and the average attendance not good.

The parents of this school must take a deeper interest in its welfare, and see that their children are more regular and punctual, or, it must continue to remain far below its proper position. Unless scholars are regular and punctual at school, their progress must be limited and of little or no real value. The character of the school, though small, was very good. Both teacher and pupils seemed to be toiling harmoniously together, and a gradual improvement was observed.

Winter Term—George K. Daniell, Jr., teacher.—Number of scholars 39, average attendance 27. This is Mr. Daniell's second term of teaching this school. He kept a good school last winter and a better one this winter. His order and government are good for a young teacher, and his mode of imparting and leading along his pupils from one step to another in their various studies was apt, natural and successful. Five weeks before the close of the school, Mr. Daniell left for a more

lucrative situation, and his place was supplied by Mr. S. F. Wight, who finished the school with very good success, though the progress of the school was somewhat retarded by a change of teachers ; its general healthy appearance was well sustained, and more than an ordinary advancement in the various studies and lessons was observed, when visited by the Committee and at the closing examination. The average attendance during the Winter was much better than last Summer.

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Miss Charlotte M. Sawyer, teacher. Number of scholars 53, average attendance 44. This school, under the care of its former faithful and devoted teacher, has kept up its good standing and praiseworthy position. Miss Sawyer has been in this school so long, that it seems more like a family circle than a common town school. The general good feeling that has ever been observed to exist between teacher and scholars is worthy of note and commendation.

The Winter Term was taught by the same Teacher. Number of scholars 48, average attendance 33. This school still appears well and is making good progress in its various studies. Miss Sawyer toils and labors faithfully here for the best good of her pupils. The morals and every-day habits of the children are looked after, as well as their good lessons and mental improvement.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Miss Jane F. Flagg, teacher. Number of scholars 28, average attendance 16. This is Miss Flagg's second term of teaching this school, and, as we anticipated, a fair advancement has been made in the various studies attended to during the session. The classes were small, but the recitations were generally good and the lessons seemed to be well understood. A little more life and animation, we think, would add much to the appearance and progress of the school.

Winter Term—the same teacher as in the Summer term. Number of scholars 25, average attendance 17.

This school appears well and is gradually improving. The order and discipline of the school is commendable, and the same good feeling and harmony continue to exist between the teacher and scholars. No school in town seems to better appreciate their school-house and to take better care of it than this; the school-room still remains entirely free from scratches and marks, or the least signs of abuse, and looks almost as bright and new as it did three years ago, on the day of dedication. The average attendance of the school, especially in summer, is below what it should be, and loudly calls for a speedy remedy on the part of the parents.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Lower Department—Miss Maria B. Goddard, teacher. Number of scholars 54, average attendance 40. This is one of the largest primary schools in town, and is also one of the best arranged and best taught schools in town. Though the school was large it was well managed, and all the classes and lessons were well attended to by the teacher, and gave ample proof, when visited by the Committee, of good teaching and good discipline.

Winter Term—Lower Department—the same Teacher as in the Summer. Number of scholars 56, average attendance 41. This department still sustains its high position for good order and thorough teaching. The same good feeling continues to exist between the teacher and scholars, and the same marked degree of improvement was observed in the studies of all the classes. The teacher has been industrious, and labored hard for the good of her pupils.

Summer Term—Upper Department—Miss Isabella P. Felch, teacher. Number of scholars 46, average attendance 37. This school is quite large and needs the services of experienced and able teachers. The scholars are generally well disposed and apt to learn, and when led on by a suitable instructor, the school always appears well. The Committee observed a marked improvement in drawing; we saw no better specimens in any school in town.

Winter Term—Upper Department—Mr. George W. Mason, teacher. Number of scholars 56, average attendance 48. This school this term was large, larger than any other in Town, and required much more care to attend to its numerous wants than any other school in Town. We found in Mr. Mason an industrious and devoted teacher. Though a stranger, he was peculiarly fortunate in gaining the love and esteem of his scholars. At our various visits the school appeared well, and a fair progress was observed. The teacher aimed to be thorough and to make his scholars *think* as well as *perform*. This being the teacher's first term in this school, he labored under the usual disadvantages of new teachers, not knowing, at the outset, the various dispositions and capacities of his pupils.

WEST SCHOOL.

Summer Term—Lower Department—Miss Martha A. Stevens, teacher. Number of scholars 44, average attendance 35. This was Miss Stevens' second term in this school, and the general progress observed in the different studies, showed a common effort and diligence on the part of both teacher and scholars. Miss Stevens is an amiable and devoted teacher, and has labored incessantly for the good of her scholars.

Upper Department—Miss S. J. Davenport teacher. Number of scholars 41, average attendance 20. Miss Davenport is an energetic and industrious teacher, and the general advancement of her pupils in their different studies, gave evidence of good teaching and good study. Her health becoming impaired, the last ten weeks of the session were taught by Miss Elizabeth Perry. Miss Perry has taught in town before, with entire satisfaction, and she still gives evidence of the qualifications of a superior teacher. The order and discipline of her school were of a high character, and her mode of governing and teaching was inferior to no teacher in Town. The lessons of all the classes seemed to be well understood, and every scholar well *brought up* to his task. At the closing examination every scholar not

only *behaved* well, but *recited* well. Both scholars and teacher well deserve the commendation of parents and Committee.

Winter Term—Lower Department — Miss Eliza J. Knapp, teacher. Number of scholars 40, average attendance 32. This is Miss Knapp's first school, and for a beginner, we think, she has done well. Her classes were well arranged and the general character of the school bore the aspect of study and diligence. On examination day, her scholars recited well and gave evidence of good discipline and thorough teaching. By practice and proper effort, Miss Knapp will one day have a place among our best teachers.

Upper Department—Mr. Charles A. Johnson, teacher. Number of scholars 42, average attendance 38. This is the third term that Mr. Johnson has kept this school. It still maintains its former good standing and high elevation of character. For a number of successive years, this school has been fortunate in the selection of teachers, and the happy result has been apparent in the good conduct and habits of the scholars, as well as in their educational advancement. The order and government of this school are of a superior character, and the scholars have acquired the habit of self-control in a remarkable degree. A large number of the scholars have not whispered or communicated, without permission, for the whole term. In our visits this excellent trait of self-government, of each scholar's taking care of his own lessons and studies, independently of all the others, particularly arrested our attention and gave us evidence of the best of discipline and good training. When on the recitation seat, the scholars were all attention to their teacher's remarks and questions, and in turn, their recitations and answers were of that superior character, that showed that they had not only been well trained in their lessons, but that they also understood them. It would be difficult to notice in what study this school excelled on the day of examination. Here were excellent recitations in reading and spelling, in mathematics and geography; and especially were we

interested in listening to their fine specimens of composition. Good teachers make good schools.

All the schools in Town during the past year, have on the whole, appeared well and made good improvement. True, some have made greater progress than others, yet all deserve the praise and commendation of parents and Committee. Our teachers generally, have been faithful and untiring to elevate the character of their charge, and have generally succeeded well; still, errors remain to be corrected and improvements to be made.

The point of perfection in school teaching, like that in every other profession, is still in the distance. To rightly train the child for the many duties and reponsibilities of after life, is a science not readily acquired and a task not easily performed. Self-government is one of the most important lessons that should be early impressed upon the young mind. As the scholar advances in power to control himself, so he advances in power to master his lessons and every-day tasks.

Though the teacher has to govern his school and perform his duties in the school-room as a monarch, his *aim* should be to make each pupil under his charge, become master of *himself*. When this is accomplished, the government of the school becomes easy and pleasant; each scholar takes care of himself and his own lessons, and the teacher has his whole time to assign lessons, and to explain and point out. The greater the perfection in this direction, the greater must be the improvement and progress in school-studies and school-duties. Our teachers more frequently fail in good order and good government than in anything else. The right kind of government in the school-room is the first and most important thing; a government that compels and restrains, and at the same time, seems to *lead* on and throw the whole weight of responsibility upon the scholar himself.

The mental and moral powers should be made to control the physical, without the aid of the rod, if possible. The teacher that can best govern his school,

entirely free from threats and corporal punishment, is the teacher that can best control himself, and consequently is in the best position to control others. The teachers who govern the best, are not those who *punish* and *scold* the most, but rather those who punish and scold the least. The teacher must govern *himself*, before he can govern his school.

Our best teachers are generally from our Normal Schools. They are more thorough and generally have a better system of teaching than others. When they fail, it is usually in want of government and energy of character. We still submit that the art of teaching is an inherent faculty—a gift rather than an acquirement. Though the Normal Schools have done, and still are doing much in the right direction for the elevation of school teaching, still, we often have no better teachers than the self-made, or at least, those made outside of the walls of a Normal School-house. By this, we do not mean to say, they were made outside the *influence* of Normal School instruction. Give our Normal Schools good *materials* and they will give us good *teachers*. Though some of our schools have good readers, and have made good improvement the past season; others have not made all that proficiency in this study that has been desired. Too often, a want of interest and energy was observed among the scholars; and also a want of distinctness and clear enunciation; some read so fast or so low, that with difficulty, only a part could be understood. Good reading is the basis of a good education, and we would especially call the attention of our teachers to this branch of their instruction. The reading lessons must be more thoroughly studied and much better understood, in order to make the desired progress. More attention should be paid to *spelling* and *defining* in their reading lessons, and to treasuring up the thoughts and words of the author. In some of our primary schools the children but partially understood what they read, and cared but little whether they read right or wrong. Shorter lessons and a better knowledge of what they pass over, would be more interesting and

encouraging to the child, and have a tendency to advance him more correctly and rapidly in the path of good reading.

Many of our schools are making good proficiency in composition. This is an exercise that may be attended to with profit and success quite early in life; much earlier than is generally supposed by the casual observer. As soon as the scholar is able to put two words together, he may be initiated into the art of placing his idea, on slate or paper. In this important work there must be a *beginning*, and those who commence it early in life, generally make the most apt and ready writers, and are the least troubled to express their thoughts clearly and correctly. The attention of all our teachers is especially called to this important exercise.

Geography is one of the best and most useful studies in our common schools. A good knowledge of this science gives the possessor an every day treasure, full of interest and value for every walk in life; and we are glad to see in our schools generally, so deep an interest taken in this study, and so great a proficiency made in it, especially in map drawing. The scholar should begin to apply his skill to map drawing, when he begins the study of geography. This will make the study more interesting and much more instructive, and teachers will find less difficlty in having good lessons and good improvement in this division of their work.

The school-room should also be the nursery for moral instruction as well as for mental and physical. Moral improvement is the basis of all sound learning. A good moral character is the only sure foundation upon which to rest the whole fabric. The only correct guide to this stability of personal worth and human elevation is the Bible. This sacred book should be esteemed and loved by every teacher of children, and its hallowed influence should have a strong hold upon the hearts and actions, of all who enter the ranks of training the young for the great duties and responsibilities of after life. The influence of the Bible, alone, can elevate the moral standard of the child, the teacher, the school and the

world. Then let us see to it. that the Bible stands at the head of our common school instruction, and its holy principles govern the entire school-room. These alone can properly elevate, adorn and beautify the human soul and fully fit it for its great career of life, and securely place it at last in the bosom of rest.

Our larger scholars are inclined to leave our common schools too soon, at a time when they have only imperfectly mastered the common branches ; either from the false notion that they know enough, and are well qualified for all the common duties of life ; or to attend some private school or academy, at an additional expense of money, time and trouble, and at less profit to themselves.

The common branches well understood, are the *essentials* for all the higher studies ; and in no private schools are those better taught and explained, than in the higher department of our town schools. Parents and scholars should understand this, and more fully appreciate and support our schools at home, and reap and enjoy their blessings as long as they are such ; and thereby save the trouble and money that private instruction demands.

Some object to the patronage of our town schools, on account of the every-day association of children of all classes, and of every rank and character. But this is only meeting life in childhood as it is found, and as it will be found in all the future. The essential requisite supremely necessary seems to be, to teach the child to love and practice virtue, and to hate and shun vice ; and thus early fit and prepare him to *meet* and *overcome* evil, though daily in the midst of it.

Our school-houses and school-rooms are generally in a good condition, convenient, and well adapted to the wants of the children. The West school-house, the South and the East need a few repairs, and some of them should be made before the commencement of the Summer term. We respectfully call the attention of the proper officers of the Town to their wants at this early period. The school-houses are the property of the

Town, and cost too much to be abused or neglected. Built by the Town's money, a deep interest for their protection and good condition, should be felt by every citizen, as well as by the Committee and teachers.

Notwithstanding the extreme care and watchfulness of the Committee, and their frequent injunctions upon the teachers "to look out well for the school-house," some of them are often abused, scratched and marked up, and even debased by somebody who ought to know better. Some of our scholars should be taught to regard the school-room and *every part* of the school-house, quite differently from what they do. And it seems to us, parents might do much in this direction, by cooperating with the Committee and teachers, that the *whole* school-house may properly answer its original design.

All the schools in Town keep the same number of weeks during the year, and the Committee has endeavored to procure the best teachers for the different schools that their judgment and means have enabled them to do. The summer term the present year was twenty weeks, with a short vacation in the middle of the session during the warmest of the weather. The Winter term, fifteen weeks, making thirty five weeks for the year.

As the town has generously granted three hundred dollars additional school money for this year, the schools may perhaps be lengthened a little, and our best teachers retained and better satisfied, by adding a little to their former compensation. We think an elevation of the character of the schools, is far more desirable than longer schools. The great defect in our schools still is, want of superiority, rather than longer sessions. A first rate *short* school is much better, than an ordinary *long* one. To effect this, we must have first rate teachers; these are scarce and in good demand, and require good pay. Besides, in our love for our children and anxiety to give them a good education, we must take care and not overlook their physical training. "A sound body for a sound mind," is a saying old and true.

Since the abolition of the district system and the securing of teachers have been put into the hands of the Town's Committee, we have been much more successful in obtaining the services of able teachers, and our schools have moved on much more harmoniously and advanced more rapidly in their real value. Frequent changes of teachers have been dispensed with, and a more thorough and uniform system of teaching has become established in all the schools in town; so that every part of the Town is receiving, more equally, the common benefits and blessings of a common school education. Even some of our teachers have taught the same school successfully for five or six years in succession; every school being a good one and the last the best. A frequent change of teachers is destructive to good school-instruction and valuable school-improvement.

Our common town schools are in truth a great common blessing. They secure a common level for all the children, and a common incentive for action. Neither the wealth nor the rank of the parent, can elevate or sustain the child; but it must rest entirely upon its own personal capacity, diligence and every day effort. Side by side, sits the child of the rich and the poor; each with the prize before him;—the industrious, the virtuous, and the good alone, receive it.

For the Committee,

NATHAN LONGFELLOW.

Needham, April 20, 1861.

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1861.

ALSO, A

LIST OF THE TAX PAYERS.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

SOLOMON FLAGG, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Needham, from Feb. 15, 1860, to Feb. 15, 1861.

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To Cash received of Elliot Alden, for boarding his father to Jan. 1st, 1860,	$13	00
Cash received of Galen Orr, towards laying the wall on land of Davis C. Mills,	8	00
Cash received of G. F. Darling, for timber,	1	06
Cash borrowed of Leonard Winch, on Treasurer's note,	1,000	00
Cash received of Newton Bank, on Treasurer's note,	792	00
Cash received of Sheriff Thomas, for dog fine,	10	00
Cash received of George Jennings, Collector, one poll tax, which was abated in 1859,	1	50
Cash received of the State Treasurer, for the burial of Amy Burton,	5	00
Cash received of State Treasurer, as school fund,	105	16
Cash received of the City of Roxbury, for the support of William L. Tucker,	33	00
Cash received of S. G. Williams, for old lumber,	7	00
Cash received of Newton Bank, on Treasurer's note,	992	83
Cash received of the Town of Colrain, for the support of Timothy Brown and family,	44	64
Cash received of the city of Boston for the support of William Willcutt,	17	45
Cash received of Solomon Flagg, Town Clerk, for licensing and registering dogs,	137	00
Cash received of George Jennings, Collector of Taxes for A. D. 1860,	12,052	47
	$15,220	11

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By Balance due the Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1860,	$20 70
Cash paid the Newton Bank,	800 00
Cash paid the Newton Bank,	1,000 00
Cash paid Leonard Winch, note and interest,	1,040 50
Cash paid for orders drawn during the year,	12,219 75
	$15,080 95
Balance on hand,	139 16
	$15,220 11

The Committee find the above account correct and properly vouched.

The Treasurer has paid out during the year, by orders of Selectmen and Assessors, as follows:—

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Great Plain School. *Two Departments.*

C. E. Dewing, services as teacher, 14 weeks,	$84 00
Adeline M. Eaton, " " 14 "	70 00
C. E. Dewing, " " 20 "	120 00
Adeline M. Eaton, " " 20 "	100 00
George G. Stevens, 4 feet pine wood, and sawing,	2 75
cash paid for taking care school-house,	7 00
2 brooms,	55
wood, sawing and splitting,	32 62
taking care school-house,	4 00
cleaning,	2 17
2 brooms and 2 brushes,	1 00
	$424 09

Grantville School.

Charlotte M. Sawyer, services as teacher, 14 weeks,	$70 00
ink,	25
services as teacher, 10 weeks,	50 00
" " 10 "	50 00
1 box crayons,	50
Albin Fuller, sawing and splitting 2 cords wood,	4 00
making fires and sweeping,	5 00
1 broom,	25
sweeping and taking care of school-house,	5 00
1 dipper,	25
S. G. Williams, bill of coal,	16 87
	$202 12

North School. *Two Departments.*

L. Allen Kingsbury, services as teacher, 3½ months,	$147 00
Henrietta Stevens, " " 14 weeks,	70 00
Isabella P. Felch, " " 10 "	55 00
M. B. Goddard, " " 20 "	100 00
Isabella P. Felch, " " 10 "	55 00
H. Fuller, Jr., cash paid for making fires and sweeping,	15 00
1 broom,	38
S. G. Williams, coal,	14 00
Ebenezer Smith, sawing, splitting, and piling wood,	5 00
H. Fuller, Jr., 2 pails, 56c., dipper, 12c., crayons, 42c.,	1 10
Chalk, 8c., brooms, 35c.,	43
Wm. Flagg, 1 cord wood,	5 00
Mattie Cuer, building fires and sweeping,	6 00
S. G. Williams, bill of coal,	33 75
	$507 66

West School. *Two Departments.*

Martha A. Stevens, services as teacher, 14 weeks,	$70 00
Charles A. Johnson, " " 3½ months,	147 00
chalk and ink,	1 00
S. J. Davenport, services as teacher, 10 weeks,	55 00
Martha A. Stevens, " " 20 "	100 00
Elizabeth Perry, " " 10 "	50 00
Francis H. Stevens, making fires and sweeping,	6 00
William Flagg, 6 feet pine wood,	3 00
E. H. Hathaway, making fires, sweeping, &c.,	3 00
Solomon Flagg, 4¾ cords wood,	28 50
sawing, splitting, and piling 5½ cords wood,	7 31
	$470 81

North-West School.

Jane F. Flagg, services as teacher, 14 weeks,	$70 00
" " 10 "	50 00
" " 10 "	50 00
paid for sweeping,	1 50
S. S. Seagraves, taking care school-house, clalk, broom, &c.,	1 63
3 cords wood,	21 75
sawing, splitting and piling,	3 13
making fires and sweeping,	2 80
chalk, broom, dipper, &c.,	1 00
	$201 81

CENTRE SCHOOL. *Two Departments.*

Wilson Palmer, services as teacher, 3½ months,	$147 00
A. E. Hofses, " " 14 weeks,	70 00
" " " 20 "	100 00
B. G. Kimball, 4½ feet wood, sawing, splitting and piling,	3 18
making fires and care of school-house,	6 00
1 broom,	30
Charles Freeman, taking care school-house,	3 00
B. G. Kimball, sawing, splitting, and piling 5 cords wood,	5 00
	$334 48

SOUTH SCHOOL.

G. K. Daniell, Jr., services as teacher, 1½ month,	$63 00
bell and crayons,	1 00
services as teacher, 1 month,	42 00
in 1861, services as teacher, 1½ month,	63 00
Henrietta Stevens, services as teacher, 20 weeks,	100 00
sweeping school-room,	2 00
John Whitmarsh, making fires and sweeping,	3 50
William Pierce, 4 feet pine wood, and sawing,	2 50
taking care school-house in 1858 and 1859,	6 00
	$283 00

EAST SCHOOL.

Solomon Flagg, services as teacher, 3½ months,	$147 00
cash paid for making fires and sweeping,	3 50
chalk and broom,	44
Sarah D. Brettun, services as teacher, 19 weeks,	95 00
R. Hurd, wood, sawing and splitting,	17 16
dipper and broom, cleaning, taking care and supplying water,	9 84
	$272 94

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS BY SURVEYORS.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Charles McIntosh,	$113 36

UPPER FALLS DISTRICT.

Cyrus G. Upham,	135 00

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

William Lawton,	185 00

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.	
Miles Jones,	$100 00
WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.	
Reuel Ware,	125 00
UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.	
Thomas Orr, 67 loads gravel,	4 02
James L. Tarbox,	102 66
	$106 68
NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.	
John A. Libby,	$99 64
WEST DISTRICT.	
Augustus Stevens,	282 00
NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.	
John Mansfield,	60 00
NORTH HIGHWAY DISTRICT.	
Henry L. Howe,	300 00

BUILDING AND REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Flagg, for repairing, railing, and furnishing posts and lumber for road leading to Charles River Bridge,	$2 25
Galen Orr, for labor done on road near First Parish Meeting-House,	9 00
Galen Orr, for 1,100 feet lumber, 38 cedar posts, 15 lbs. nails and spikes, setting posts and putting up railing on road near First Parish Meeting-House,	37 59
Dexter Kingsbury, for carting plank, and work on bridges, (Lyon's and Day's,)	26 50
J. A. Libby, for carting lumber, and repairing bridge by Winship's,	2 25
J. A. Libby, for drawing rocks on Turnpike,	1 25
for 14 posts, at 12½ cents,	1 75
for carting and setting posts on Turnpike,	1 00
for carting lumber and railing on Turnpike,	1 75
cash for nails, 35 cents; 1 post and 2 hours' work, 38 cents,	73
Reuben Ware, 30 posts,	5 00
3½ days' work, at $1.75,	6 12
2 " " at 1.25,	2 50
13 lbs. spikes, at 5 cents,	65
Galen Orr, for 204 feet lumber for Centre Highway District,	3 00
George Spring, for labor and materials for repairing bridges,	6 04
" " building foot-bridge at Lower Falls,	114 56
Jonathan Fuller, in part payment for building Libby Road and Bridge,	225 00

John J. Perry, for building road at West Needham, as per contract,	$172 50
extra work, as per agreement.	7 50
Charles Rice, Jr., for lumber for bridges and railings,	23 85
T. N. Smith, for labor building Kendrick's Bridge,	75 00
12 posts, for railing,	1 50
Painting,	4 75
Isaac H. Greenwood, for iron work for Kendrick's Bridge,	8 33
William C. Hubbard, painting foot-bridge at Lower Falls,	5 75
J. G. Gooch, bill of lumber for Kendrick's Bridge,	175 81
Jonathan Fuller, for building bridge near house of J. M. Harris,	110 00
extra work in filling in gravel,	14 88
for balance due for building Libby Road and Bridge, as per contract,	827 37
John A. Libby, for repairing road near his house,	6 22
E. C. Dudley, for labor with team and men on road from Lauren Kingsbury's to Kendrick's Bridge,	63 00
Lauren Kingsbury, for labor with teams and men on road leading from his house to Kendrick's Bridge,	174 00
for stone at Kendrick's Bridge,	5 00
William Jones, for stone-work at Kendrick's Bridge,	28 00
blasting rocks on South Road,	76 37
7 stone bounds,	2 62
John Kingsbury, 15 days' labor on Kendrick's Bridge,	18 75
William Flagg, in part for filling up road near West Needham Depot,	200 00
in full for do.,	59 50
Lauren Kingsbury, in part for labor on road leading from his house to Kendrick's Bridge,	100 00
George Spring, for repairing bridge at Lower Falls,	5 52
Miles Jones, for removing stone in South Highway District,	8 25
Charles McIntosh, for putting up railing in Centre District,	2 35
Hezekiah Fuller, for building 965 feet railing on Libby Road,	81 06
making 30 guide-boards,	18 65

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs of Highways by Surveyors,	$1,506 68
Libby Road and Bridge,	1,133 43
Foot-bridge at Lower Falls,	120 31
Road near West Needham Depot,	439 50
Kendrick's Bridge,	317 14
Road leading to Kendrick's Bridge,	337 00
Bridge near house of J. M. Harris,	124 88
Blasting rocks on South Road,	76 37
Road near First Parish Meeting-House,	46 59
Incidentals,	128 25
	$4,230 15

ABATEMENTS, DISCOUNTS, AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

George Jennings, discount and commission on taxes assessed in 1859. Amount, $11,227.20,	$898 17
abatement of poll taxes assessed in 1859,	42 16
abatement of 2 poll taxes assessed in 1859,	3 00
George C. McIntosh, for abatement of tax on personal property,	3 60
Frank A. McIntosh, for abatement of tax on personal property,	4 50
Charles and Curtis McIntosh, for abatement of tax on personal property,	3 17
Reuben Ware, for abatement of tax on real estate,	3 60
Heirs Curtis McIntosh, for abatement of tax on personal property,	6 10
Estate of Thomas P. Weston, for abatement of tax on personal property,	4 32
Dr. Josiah Noyes, for abatement of tax on personal property,	6 77
George Jennings, discount and commission on poll and personal taxes, assessed in 1860. Amount, $2,918.63,	233 49
Estate of Isaac Lovewell, for abatement of tax on real estate,	2 70
John Mills, for abatement of tax on real estate,	2 16
Frank F. Stedman, for abatement of tax on real estate,	5 04
Henry Barts, for abatement of tax on real estate,	11 88
George Jennings, for abatement of poll taxes,	36 00
Charles Deitrich, for abatement of tax on personal property,	72
Mary Ann Peirce, abatement of tax on personal property,	4 92
Philena Tenny, abatement of tax on personal property,	5 69
Jacob Wendall, abatement of tax on personal property,	90
Elizabeth Lawton, abatement of tax on personal property,	3 71
Francis Manroe, abatement of tax on personal property,	1 44
Wales & Mills, abatement of tax on personal property,	3 60
Galen Orr, abatement of tax on real estate,	5 40
John Brannon, for abatement of tax on real estate,	1 08
John Brinner, for abatement of tax on real estate,	3 60
Henry A. Kent, for abatement of tax on real estate,	14
Boston & Worcester Railroad Corporation, for abatement of tax on real estate,	54 00
George Jennings, for abatement of tax against E. L. Fields,	35 10
	$1,386 96

SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

Dexter Kingsbury,	for services of himself and wife from Feb. 15 to July 1, 1860,	$112 50
	for supplies to July 1, 1860,	175 58
	cash paid for two heifers for Town Farm,	60 00
	for supplies,	100 00
	for services to Oct. 1,	75 00
	for supplies,	153 42
	for supplies,	100 00
	for services,	75 00
	for supplies,	94 24
	for supplies,	50 00
		$995 74

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Nathan Longfellow, for shroud from Mrs. A. Burton,	$2 00
Dexter Kingsbury, conveying pauper to State Almshouse,	6 00
Hannah Lyon, for cash paid for aid to Catharine Kingsbury while sick,	10 00
Josiah Noyes, for medical attendance on family of Timothy Brown, while sick with smallpox,	30 00
Galen Orr, for assistance rendered R. McSoley, disabled with broken leg,	8 00
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for board and expenses of D. K. Ritchie, at State Lunatic Asylum, to June 1, 1860,	83 81
do. for Benj. F. Slack, to June 1, 1860,	73 26
W. & W. H. Flagg, for goods furnished Tim. Brown's family while sick with smallpox,	11 64
William Flagg, services in regard to the following paupers: Tower boy, Tim. Brown's family, McSoley, and William L. Tucker,	5 25
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid William D. Woodcock, for board of his mother thirty weeks,	7 50
George How, for clothing furnished Henry Staples,	4 30
William Herring, for boarding and nursing Wm. L. Tucker,	33 00
Josiah Noyes, for medical attendance on Mrs. Edwards in 1859,	12 00
Galen Orr, cash paid for goods furnished R. McSoley, while sick,	5 00
William D. Woodcock, for board of his mother, 22 weeks,	5 50
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for board and other expenses of D. K. Ritchie at the State Lunatic Asylum, to December 1, 1860,	78 99
Amount carried forward,	$376 25

Amount brought forward,	$376 25
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for board and other expenses of Benj. F. Slack, at the State Lunatic Asylum, to Dec. 1, 1860,	75 76
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong six weeks,	18 00
E. C. Dudley, for goods and wood furnished Elizabeth Prouty,	10 20
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong four weeks,	12 00
Galen Orr, for goods and wood furnished Wm. Willcutt,	6 90
removing Joseph Freeman to Dedham, when crazy,	2 00
journey to Falls, respecting Mrs. Prouty,	50
journey to South Needham, to Willcutt family,	50
goods furnished Willcutt family,	7 55
one cord wood for Willcutt family,	3 00
two journeys in reference to moving Catherine Kingsbury to Almshouse,	1 00
assistance rendered Mrs. Mackay,	3 50
Solomon Flagg, cash paid City of Boston for support of Martha W. Jackson,	15 12
	$532 28

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

William Flagg, for services at Almshouse, 5½ days,	$11 00
meeting County Commissioners and regulating town bounds,	9 50
cash paid to assist travelling paupers,	1 78
going to Sherborn about Peggy Green,	1 25
cash paid postage,	75
cash paid postage,	75
services procuring nurses for Mrs. Edwards,	1 00
making report Almshouse affairs, town expenses, liquor agency, &c., 5 days,	10 00
Nath'l Wales, Jr., services as selectman 10½ days,	21 00
Galen Orr, services as selectman 11½ days,	23 00
Dexter Kingsbury, labor on shed,	6 25
carting shingles,	2 50
labor on cistern,	12 42
going for mason, carting brick,	6 00
journey to Dedham for notices for town meetings, and distributing the same,	18 00
cash paid for building cistern,	6 25
cash paid for carpenter work on Almshouse,	4 50
cash paid for two windows for shed,	1 80
Amount carried forward,	$137 75

Amount brought forward,	$137 75
Solomon Flagg, services as Treasurer from May 23, 1859, to March 5, 1860, ½ per cent. on $13,812.35, money received and paid out,	69 06
four journeys to to Newton Bank,	4 00
three journeys to Dedham Savings Institution,	4 50
one journey to Boston,	1 50
services as Town Clerk, for six months,	25 00
extra writing for recording the laying out of roads by County Commissioners and Selectmen,	5 00
services in making out Town Report for the year ending Feb. 14, 1860,	10 00
Hezekiah Fuller, repairing seats in basement of North school-house,	2 05
George G. Stevens, cash paid for repairs on Great Plain school-house,	3 25
B. G. Kimball, repairing clock and stove at Centre school,	75
Alvin Fuller, repairs on Grantville school-house,	2 00
twelve rings and staples, for school-house yard,	75
Nathan Longfellow, 14½ days visiting schools,	21 75
examining teacher,	1 00
Benjamin G. Kimball, services as school committee, 26 visits,	19 50
making out report,	5 00
Solomon Flagg, services as school committee, 16 visits,	12 00
making report to the secretary,	75
examining teacher,	75
for cash paid Commonwealth for interest on Town's notes,	150 00
Reuben Hurd, repairs on East school-house, one door, $2.25, labor, $3, plastering, $2.50,	7 75
Frederick Marchant, lumber for repairs at Almshouse, six thousand spruce shingles	16 50
121 feet planed boards,	2 78
one cask cement,	1 70
Nath'l Wales, Jr., for cash paid services of four engine men, Upper Falls,	20 00
to cash paid services of twelve engine men, Lower Falls,	60 00
William Pierce, cash paid for funnel, hooks and wire, $1.25, two journeys to Natick for same, 75c., putting up funnel three times, $3, glass and setting, $1,	6 00
Henry S. Batchelder, for refreshments, furnished at fire, H. L. Stone's barn,	4 51
Isaac M. Kingsbury, for repairs on Centre school-house; lime and hair, $6.72, sand, $2, carpenter work, $1.25, plaster, blackboard, cement, and nails, $2, 7½ days' labor, $16.42, tender, $3.50,	31 89
Amount carried forward,	$627 49

Amount brought forward,	$627 49
Galen Orr, 4½ days at Almshouse,	9 00
journey to Dedham, examining records and lawyer's fee, on the matter of the application of George Blackington Kingsbury for assistance,	3 00
William Flagg, 5½ days at Almshouse,	11 00
going to Mr. Orr's about Sam'l Richardson,	75
going to Mr. Orr's to notify about town meeting,	75
going to G. K. Daniell, about Samuel Richardson,	1 00
going to Mr. Dana, about road near his land,	50
going to John Mansfield and Mr. Orr's about a sick cow,	1 25
cash paid postage on letters sent,	30
one day on Libby Road and road by the depot at West Needham,	2 00
½ day on McCracken Road,	1 00
cash paid for pass-books for surveyors,	65
cash paid for notices for letting out the Libby Road.	1 00
going to Natick, to get notices printed,	75
writing specifications for Libby Road and Bridge,	1 00
making copy of the laying out and return of two roads near West Needham depot,	1 00
examining roads and bridges, and dividing highway money,	6 00
writing two specifications and two contracts for Libby Road and Bridge,	1 50
carting and setting seven stone bounds,	1 75
going to Natick for notices,	75
cash paid for notices,	62
journey to Mr. Orr's, Mr. Wales's, and Almshouse, to get specifications signed for road near West Needham depot,	1 25
services in writing specifications for roads near West depot, and assisting to stake out the same,	1 25
journey to Mr. Orr's and Newton Upper Falls, with horse and wagon,	2 00
journey to Boston, to meet Gravel Co.,	2 50
going to Mr. Orr's and Mr. Harris's, about Arch bridge,	1 25
going to Milton to see Commissioner,	3 53
filling up side of road near Mr. Horr's,	15 00
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, supplies at fire at Charles River Village,	11 27
W. & W. H. Flagg, supplies at fire in woods near James Cartwright's,	6 25
Amount carried forward,	$717 36

Amount brought forward,	$717 36
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., services as selectman, 11 days,	22 00
Solomon Flagg, cash paid Savings Bank, for interest,	30 00
Bill Burrill, 2d, killing three dogs,	1 50
George Jennings, cash paid for printing tax bills,	15 00
S. G. Williams, Lauren Kingsbury, and Daniel Morse, 162 days' services as assessors,	324 00
Cash paid help, finding bounds, postage, &c.,	14 28
for list books, collector's books and stationery,	48 95
S. G. Williams, Lauren Kingsbury, and Daniel Morse, 49 days' work making returns of valuation for 1859. Taking and making out statistics of town of Needham for 1860, as required by the State,	98 00
Cash paid for assistance,	1 00
E. C. Jenkins, making return of six deaths,	60
Thomas Pearson, for one sheep killed by dogs,	2 75
G. K. Daniell, for cash paid Bacon & Sawin for services in liquor case,	5 00
George Jennings, cash paid for services at fire in Bostonville,	2 50
Stephen Cate and son, drawing engine to fire in Grantville,	2 00
Solomon Flagg, cash paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest on note,	150 00
George G. Stevens, repairing stoves, Plain school-house,	2 50
T. N. Smith, work at South school-house, 2½ days,	5 00
¼ M shingles, $1.00, 5 lbs. nails, 25c.,	1 25
carting stock, blinds, &c.,	1 00
2 days' work, $4.00, 43 feet lumber, $1.72,	5 72
clapboards, 24c., nails, 5c., glass and putty, 12c.,	41
horse, 33c., repairing blinds and chair, $1.50,	1 83
½ days' work, $1, blacksmith's work, 25c.,	1 25
painting blinds, 25c., 9 feet boards, 27c.,	52
carting blinds and other stock,	1 00
Reuben Hurd, stove furnished East school-house,	12 00
Jonathan Fuller, plough broken on highway,	5 00
S. G. Williams, drawing engine to fire in Bostonville,	2 00
H. Fuller, work at North School House, repairing pump,	4 00
other repairs,	1 34
I. L. Tarbox, for two sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
Nathan Longfellow, books furnished children in N. School,	2 57
Frederick Wendt, settling well at West school-house,	3 00
Galen Orr, 4 days at Almshouse with Selectmen,	8 00
examining South school-house with carpenter,	1 00
2 pair blinds, and painting same, for South school-house,	4 25
lock and latch,	1 25
express on blinds,	25
6 sets blind hinges and fastenings,	1 25
arranging for a bridge on South road,	1 00
putting up notices and closing up South road,	2 50
Amount carried forward,	$1,516 83

Amount brought forward,	$1,516	83
Galen Orr, journey to see Livingston about gravel,	1	00
arranging with Fuller & Wing on South road,	1	00
journey to Boston to see Gravel Company,	2	00
furnishing three sign boards for stopping up road,		75
repairing railing on East Highway District,	1	50
arranging about bridge on Libby road,		75
examining Kendrick's bridge,	1	50
arranging with carpenters for new bridge,	2	00
journey to Libby road,		75
journey to West Needham on road,		75
assisting in unloading lumber for Kendrick's bridge, and furnishing two sign boards,	2	00
arranging about stone and stone work,	2	00
meeting Gravel Company,	1	00
meeting Selectmen on West Needham Road,		75
journey to Kendrick's bridge,		75
meeting on South road,	1	00
journey to Kendrick's bridge while constructing,		75
meeting Selectmen on roads,	1	00
two journeys to Boston to arrange with Gravel Company,	4	00
meeting Commissioners at Dedham about Hurd road,	1	50
journey to Kendrick's bridge,		57
William Flagg, 5 days at Almshouse with Selectmen,	10	00
17 rails and 10 posts to fence the road by Mr. Hurd's and Mr. Eaton's,	2	31
carting and putting up same,	1	50
meeting Selectmen at South road,	1	25
meeting County Commissioners on So. road,	2	00
journey to locate bridge on Libby road,	1	00
meeting Selectmen on Libby road and bridge,	1	00
meeting Mr Monson at Upper Falls,	1	00
going to Mr. Orr's and bridge by Libby's,	1	00
journey to Boston to meet Mr Monson about making contract to take down road near Upper Falls,	3	00
going to South road with Mr. Harris about straightening same,	2	00
journey to Boston to see Mr. Monson about making contract to take down the road near Upper Falls,	3	00
going to Mr. Orr's, Kendrick's bridge, and Saw Mill Bridge,	2	00
going to Boston to meet Mr. Monson about taking down the road by Upper Falls,	3	00
going to Libby road about passage way for Williams and Burnett,	1	00
Amount carried forward,	$1,579	21

Amount brought forward,		$1,579 21
William Flagg, meeting County Commissioners at Dedham, about straightening South road, and going to Kendrick's bridge,		2 00
journey to Almshouse and to H. Fuller's,		50
meeting County Commissioners on Libby road,		1 00
going to John Alley's about road to his house,		1 00
postage on letters,		18
Solomon Flagg, cash paid repairs on West school-house,		1 00
printing dog licenses,		1 50
tubing for well, 64c., nails, 10c.,		74
journey to Natick for tubing for well, and labor on well for West school-house,		1 50
express and postage,		2 44
services as Town Clerk for six months, from March 1, 1860,		25 00
John M. Harris, for staking out road from Plains Station to Eaton's Corner,		5 75
surveys on Libby road, with plan and specification,		15 00
surveys near West Needham Station, and setting bounds on Sherborn and Dover roads,		15 50
John Cox, Jr., printing 500 Town Reports,		25 00
500 School Reports,		19 00
Henry A. Davis, sealing and adjusting standards,		6 25
Solomon Flagg, cash paid State Tax,		360 00
Nath'l Wales, Jr., ½ day examining roads, fencing off, and furnishing lumber and nails,		2 00
time and expense to see Mr. Monson about taking down road at Upper Falls,		1 00
½ day to see Mr. Monson as above,		1 00
examination of roads near West Needham Depot,		1 00
½ day examining bridges on South road,		1 00
½ day examining roads and bridges,		1 00
½ day with Commissioners on new road near Libby's,		1 00
½ day examining road to John Alley's,		1 00
½ day with Commissioners on road near Upper Falls,		1 00
meeting Selectmen at Almshouse, 5 days,		10 00
Benj. G. Kimball, services as school committee, 18 visits and 2 meetings,		15 00
paid for repairs of stoves in Centre school-house,		1 25
paid for washing rooms in Centre school-house,		3 40
Amount carried forward,		$2,102 22

Amount brought forward,	$2,102 22
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for crayons, $1.80, and nails, $1.35, for schools in East section,	3 15
George Jennings, notifying town officers,	12 30
travel and copies,	2 80
returning poll tax list,	1 46
summoning representative elect,	38
return of 11 deaths,	1 10
Galen Orr, services as selectman two days town house,	4 00
journey to West Needham on road,	75
journey to Kendrick's Bridge on road,	75
meeting County Commissioners on Hurd road,	1 00
meeting on Kendrick's road, ½ day,	1 00
writing and sending notices to snow surveyors,	1 50
Solomon Flagg, interest paid Dedham Savings Bank,	30 00
John W. Shaw, 1 box crayons, sawing and splitting wood and setting glass,	3 63
Solomon Flagg, services as School Committee 15 days,	22 50
one journey to Natick,	50
T. N. Smith, repairs on Centre school-house and furniture,	2 45
Solomon Flagg, returning to the Secretary of the Commonwealth births, deaths, and marriages,	21 50
Nathan Longfellow, services as School Committee, 16 days,	24 00
journey to Dover and Natick,	1 25
Galen Orr, for 1 day on Libby road,	2 00
½ day on McCracken road,	1 00
1 day on South road,	2 00
three days dividing highway money,	6 00
½ day on Libby road,	1 00
½ day on South road,	1 00
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, commission for selling school-books from May 1, 1859, to Jan. 1, 1861,	15 00
	$2,266 46

RECAPITULATION.

Support of schools,	$2,696 91
Building and repair of highways and bridges,	4,230 15
Abatements, discount and collection of taxes,	1,386 96
Support of poor in Almshouse,	995 74
Support of poor out of Almshouse,	532 28
Miscellaneous town expenses,	2,266 46
	$12,108 50
Add orders drawn and settled in last years' account, but not paid by the Treasurer till this year,	111 25
	$12,219 75

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR.

For building and repairing roads and bridges, including deficiency in highway grant for 1859,	$3,412 54
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Support of schools,	2,800 00
Discounts, abatements and collection of taxes,	1,200 00
Necessary charges and expenses,	2,500 00
	$11,112 54

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (int. pd to Oct. 8, 1860,)	$5,000 00
Dedham Savings Bank, (int. paid to Jan. 5, 1861,)	1,000 00
	$6,000 00

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr.

To liquor on hand Feb. 15, 1860,	$84 38	
Agent's salary,	50 00	
		$134 8

Cr.

By sales of liquor during the year,	$56 49	
Liquor used in Almshouse,	2 25	
Liquor on hand Feb. 15, 1861,	32 18	
		90 92
Loss,		$43 46

Cash in Agent's hands, Feb. 15, 1860,	$87 53
Cash in Agent's hands, Feb. 15, 1861,	56 49
	$144 02

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

DR.

To cash paid for—

29½ lbs. butter,	$6 79
Express to Cambridge,	1 00
Railroad ticket furnished traveller,	40
John Jennings, Jr., grinding, &c.,	52
50 lbs. soap,	4 25
Thomas Bispham, mending harness,	1 75
1 cow,	28 00
1 barrel crackers,	3 25
J. B. Clark, dry goods,	7 35
Martin Broad, meat,	68
Isaac Dennis, labor,	3 31
James Howe, medicine,	88
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,	8 05
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,	5 21
Ellis Gay, dry goods,	2 95
John Marshall, blacksmithing,	4 38
W. & W. H. Flagg, groceries,	33 79
Cask lime,	1 00
Leonard A. Kingsbury, meat,	7 31
Brown & Goulding, groceries,	14 78
Small items, per pass book,	6 05
Yoke of oxen,	123 00
Moses Winch, mason work,	6 40
Fish,	80
Seed potatoes,	9 00
Plough points, &c.,	1 75
Ellis Gay, dry goods,	7 68
H. Richardson, groceries,	2 70
Medicine,	1 00
Crackers,	3 00
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,	3 05
Sherman Bowers, 2 cows,	60 00
Fish,	84
Bigelow, groceries,	2 85
Seed corn,	1 13
Fish,	1 09
Bread, coffee,	95
H. S. Batchelder, groceries,	1 55
Barrel crackers,	3 25
Grinding rye,	25
Seth Dewing, 50 lbs. soap,	4 00
W. & W. H. Flagg, grain, groceries and dry goods,	48 50
Brown & Goulding, groceries,	30 00
John Marshall, blacksmithing,	4 30
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,	23 38
Tea and sugar,	2 79
Amount carried forward,	$484 96

Amount brought forward,		$484 96
To cash paid for—		
Car fare,		80
Crackers,		50
Fish,		84
W. & W. H. Flagg, groceries, grainand dry goods,		46 58
Small items, per pass book,		3 16
Amos Strout, labor,		24 00
C. Robbins, grinding,		4 30
Solomon Flagg, milk,		80
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,		2 55
Mann & Whitney, boots and shoes,		3 21
Dowse & Dickinson, tin work and millinery,		2 46
Fish,		80
Crackers,		2 00
Cheese,		3 10
Fish,		90
Bread,		60
Tripe, 63c., bread, &c., 48c.,		1 11
Amos Strout, labor,		8 00
Fish,		60
Barrel crackers,		3 00
Barrel flour,		8 75
Fish, 31c., bread, 31c.,		62
Whetstone, 10c., bread, 12c.,		22
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,		5 85
Brown & Goulding, groceries,		10 18
H. S. Batchelder, groceries,		1 92
Hiram Hunskins, labor,		9 10
Fish and bread,		79
Davis Mills, meat,		90
E. A. Mills, 4 turkeys,		2 00
W. & W. H. Flagg, groceries and dry goods,		59 13
Seth Dewing, soap,		1 56
John Marshall, blacksmithing,		4 37
O. Bartlett, bread,		3 36
George Dewing, apples,		75
George Lyon, cash,		50
Amos Strout, labor,		59 73
E. Whiting McIntosh, winnowing machine,		1 97
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,		24 12
Grinding grain,		1 19
Galen Orr, cow and calf,		20 00
George Revere, groceries,		5 34
M. A. Mahan, dry goods,		4 00
Galen Orr, grain and grinding,		46 66
Grinding grain,		50
Fish and bread,		65
Plough point,		75
Fish,		85
Amount carried forward,		$870 03

Amount brought forward,		$870 03
To cash paid for—		
Making cider,		1 37
Fish,		70
George Dewing, for apples,		8 00
Mending harness,		35
Hiram Hunskins, labor,		23 50
Fish,		35
Butchering,		1 00
Barrel crackers,		3 25
Isaac Greenwood, blacksmithing,		95
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,		90
Grinding grain,		1 08
Russell P. Eaton, groceries,		3 00
1 ton coal,		6 50
Lot meadow grass,		7 00
J. J. Perry, coal,		20 25
W. H. Flagg, groceries,		12 90
Ellis Gay, dry goods,		7 48
S. B. Cogswell, dry goods,		99
Grinding grain,		42
Barrel flour,		8 50
Leonard A. Kingsbury, meat,		11 63
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,		48
H. S. Batchelder, groceries,		2 35
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,		23 88
Grinding grain,		42
Brown & Goulding, groceries,		27 74
W. H. Flagg, groceries and grain,		18 00
John Marshall, blacksmithing,		6 30
2 swine, 333 lbs., at 6c.,		19 98
Galen Orr, grain, molasses, butter, and tobacco,		95 70
O. Bartlett, bread,		2 53
Henry S. Batchelder, groceries,		1 25
Horse,		110 00
Grinding grain,		57
Pair shoes,		60
Harness,		18 00
Crackers,		1 62
Beef,		5 65
Mending harness,		35
Expense to Boston,		86
William Flagg, scraps,		7 00
Seth Dewing, 56 lbs. soap,		4 48
Grinding grain,		51
Grinding grain,		57
3 swine,		11 60
W. H. Flagg, groceries,		11 31
W. H. Flagg, groceries,		5 02
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, groceries,		3 68
Amount carried forward,		$1,360 60

Amount brought forward,	$1,360 60
To cash paid—	
——— Bowers, dry goods,	4 79
Samuel Peters, dry goods,	7 25
John Marshall, blacksmithing,	3 25
Warden's salary,	300 00
	$1,685 89
Rent of farm,	300 00
Tax,	30 00
Interest on personal property,	78 00
	$2,093 89

Cr.

By cash received for—	
Straw sold,	$2 25
Barley,	6 12
Straw,	7 05
1 cow,	30 00
1 cow,	20 00
Bean poles,	1 00
Milk,	12 50
Potatoes,	5 34
Milk,	20 07
Straw,	1 68
Straw,	27 74
Potatoes,	11 93
Potatoes,	1 75
Pork,	4 50
Chickens,	70
In part, for oxen,	100 00
Potatoes,	3 50
"	2 00
Horse,	40 00
Two swine,	13 68
Potatoes,	5 00
2 bushel beans,	4 00
Produce sold as per Warden's book,	50 00
Labor with men and team,	141 99
	$512 80
By use of Town Hall,	$60 00
Lighting and warming hall and office,	6 00
Notifying four town meetings,	24 00
Labor on road to Kendrick's bridge,	21 25
Shingling and repairing L to house,	8 75
Labor, leveling gravel bank near Almshouse,	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$642 80

Amount brought forward,	$642 80
145 meals furnished town officers,	29 00
487 meals furnished transient persons,	97 40
Due for board of Samuel Alden, one year,	78 00
Inventory, more than last year,	200 71
	$1,047 91
Balance against the Institution,	1,045 98

Number of weeks board of poor for the past year is 805, which is a fraction less than $1.30 per week.

The Committee are happy to observe that the appearance of good management in and about the establishment indicates that both the Warden and his lady thoroughly understand their duties.

CASH RECEIVED BY TREASURER FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Of Elliot Alden,	$13 00
State Treasurer, for burial of A. Burton,	5 00
City of Boston, support of W. L. Lucker,	33 00
Town of Colrain, T. Brown's family,	44 64
City of Boston, William Willcutt.	17 45
	$113 09

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted, by

E. K. WHITAKER,
GEORGE K. DANIELL,
ROBERT MANSFIELD,
Auditing Committee.

LIST OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN ALMSHOUSE.

Hadassah Smith,	aged 96 years.	George Lyon,	aged 74 years.
Lewis Jones,	81	Mary Finch,	74
Martha Jones,	81	Ichabod Coffee,	74
Samuel Alden,	80	Julia Staples,	50
Nathan Coffee,	77	Margaret Brightmore,	49
Nahum Kingsbury,	77	Edward Gay Coffee,	48
Elijah Woodcock,	77	Eliza A. Kingsbury,	46
Jabez Morse,	76	Amanda Staples,	12

BIRTHS, INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The following statistics of the Births, Intentions of Marriage, Marriages and Deaths, in Needham, are for the year 1860.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of Births,	71	Of American parents,	34
Males,	29	Of Irish parents,	25
Females,	42	Others, (foreigners,)	12
	71		71

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE RECORDED.

Whole number of Certificates,		23
In which both parties belonged to Needham,	16	
In which but one belonged to Needham,	7	
	23	

MARRIAGES.

Whole number of Marriage Certificates returned during the year, 16

DEATHS.

Whole number of Deaths in 1860,		32
Males,	14	
Females,	18	
	32	

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Consumption,	5	Ulceration of Intestines,	1
Scarlet Fever,	4	Tuberculosis of the Brain,	1
Typhoid Fever,	3	Cholera Infantum,	1
Old Age,	2	Canker and Dropsy,	1
Dropsy,	1	Pneumonia,	1
Dropsy on the Brain,	1	Fits,	1
Congestion of the Brain,	1	Accident,	1
Bronchitis,	1	Privation and Atrophy,	1
Lung Fever,	1	Suicide,	1
Teething,	1	Unknown,	2
Apoplexy,	1		32

AGES.

Under 5 years,	11	Between 40 and 50 years,	0
Between 5 and 10 years,	1	" 50 " 60 "	2
" 10 " 20 "	3	" 60 " 70 "	2
" 20 " 30 "	9	" 70 " 80 "	0
" 30 " 40 "	1	" 80 " 90 "	3

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

LIST OF PERSONS

Who were Taxed for Real and Personal Estate in the Town of Needham in the year 1860. *Rate of Taxation,* $7.20 *on* $1,000.

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Avery, Jonathan,	$3,100*	$22 32	$284	$2 04
Eaton land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Kingsbury land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Kingsbury land,	560	4 03	–	–
Bullough land,	250	1 80	–	–
Bullough land,	325	2 34	–	–
Mitchell land,	525	3 78	–	–
Fuller land,	312	2 25	–	–
Paine land, lot 104,	12	9	–	–
Alden, Rachel,	750	5 40	25	18
Alden, Charles,	750	5 40	75	54
Alden, Francis E.,	300	2 16	–	–
Alden, Otis,	1,900	13 68	200	1 44
20 acres unimproved land,	500	3 60	–	–
Agin, Patrick,	–	–	25	18
Alley, John,	950	6 84	132	95
17 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Ayling, Isaac,	4,350	31 32	157	1 13
21 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
Ayling, Charles H.,	3,750	27 00	182	1 31
18 acres unimproved land,	600	4 32	–	–
Forsyth place,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Atwood, Edward S.,	–	–	50	36
Ames, John V.,	–	–	–	–
Barrow's place,	2,000	14 40	125	90
Ambler, Horace,	–	–	25	18
Allen, James, Jr.,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Ambler, Harvey,	–	–	25	18
Blaisdell, Charles,	1,300	9 36	300	2 16
Burnett, Andrew,	3,700	26 64	324	2 33
Batchelder, Henry S.,	–	–	800	5 76
Batchelder, John,	2,100	15 12	100	72
4 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
18 " " "	350	2 52	–	–
Brown, Robert,	–	–	35	25
Bullard, Martha F.,	150	1 08	700	5 04
Baker, Abijah R.,	3,800	27 36	170	1 22
Bancroft, Hiram,	–	–	–	–
41½ acres unimproved land,	1,250	9 00	39	28

* Items of Real Estate, not described, include buildings and improved land adjoining.

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Branigan, Richard,	–	–	$14	$0 10
Bradbury, L. R.,	$2,600	$18 72	–	–
Bird, John S., estate of,	7,600	54 72	2,250	16 20
French meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
Colburn meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
8 acres unimproved land,	150	1 08	–	–
15 " with A. Kingsbury,	350	2 52	–	–
10 " Smith lot,	175	1 26	–	–
Small house, barn and lot,	800	5 76	–	–
73 acres John Kingsbury lot,	1,500	10 80	–	–
5 " with Thomas Orr,	75	54	–	–
8 " Neck Bridge pasture,	200	1 44	–	–
11 " Fuller pasture,	350	2 52	–	–
19 " Kingsbury pasture,	900	6 48	–	–
Blanchard, Helen A.,	–	–	–	–
⅛ buildings and lot,	717	5 16	–	–
⅛ Flagg lot,	25	18	–	–
⅛ E. Fuller lot,	70	50	–	–
Lot 42, Blanchard estate,	16	12	–	–
43, " "	16	12	–	–
45, " "	16	12	–	–
57, " "	16	11	–	–
61, " "	16	11	–	–
64, " "	18	13	–	–
Borts, Henry,	–	–	142	1 02
Bowers, Sherman,	4,100	29 52	264	1 90
14 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
29 " Ellis lot,	400	2 88	–	–
12 " Fuller lot,	300	2 16	–	–
6 " Richards lot,	100	72	–	–
10 " Kimball meadow,	100	72	–	–
10 " Bond lot,	250	1 80	–	–
8½ " Parish lot,	275	1 98	–	–
3½ " Herring lot,	50	36	–	–
17 " Shepard lot,	275	1 98	–	–
12 " Onion lot,	200	1 44	–	–
10 " Fulton lot,	150	1 08	–	–
17 " Kimball lot,	250	1 80	–	–
33 " Company lot,	550	3 96	–	–
6 " Josiah Smith lot,	75	54	–	–
Bowers, Walter,	–	–	575	4 14
Boynton, Richard,	–	–	40	29
Bullen, Rebecca,	–	–	–	–
Swann place,	2,000	14 40	3,000	21 60
30 acres Bodge place,	650	4 68	–	–
12 " Newell lot,	250	1 80	–	–
3 " meadow,	200	1 44	–	–
1 house lot,	175	1 26	–	–
Brigham, Joseph H.,	–	–	575	4 14
Blackman, Henry,	1,250	9 00	280	2 02
28 acres unimproved land,	350	2 52	–	–
5 " improved land,	100	72	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Blackman, Henry, Jr.,	$500	$2 60	$25	$0 18
12 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Blackman, Augustus,	–	–	–	–
2½ acres Bird & Colburn meadow,	50	36	–	–
7 " John Mills meadow,	75	54	–	–
Barr, Thomas H.,	650	4 68	–	–
13 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Baker, George,	1,300	9 36	–	–
Byfield, James,	1,360	9 79	25	18
Bennett, William,	–	–	64	46
Burrill, Bill,	2,000	14 40	132	95
Kingsbury lot, with barn,	700	5 04	–	–
6 acres meadow,	125	90	–	–
Newell place,	900	6 48	–	–
Burrill, Bill, 2d,	3,025	21 78	–	–
24 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
35 " Fuller lot,	800	5 76	–	–
18 " Woodcock lot,	550	3 96	–	–
7 " Pine swamp,	75	54	–	–
Burnham, John,	–	–	–	–
2 house lots,	100	72	25	18
Bullen, Marietta J.,	–	–	2,500	18 00
Beless, James and Thomas,	3,200	23 04	150	1 08
Beless, John,	600	4 32	21	15
Beless, James,	–	–	14	10
Beless, Thomas,	–	–	14	10
Bowen, Otis E.,	2,200	15 84	110	79
Buckley, Patrick,	450	3 24	25	18
Brannon, John,	1,050	7 56	7	5
CALDWELL, Hiram,	–	–	200	1 44
Colburn, Richard,	300	2 16	–	–
Carhill, Matthias, estate of,	530	3 82	14	11
Cockery, Carl,	500	3 60	100	72
1 acre improved land,	150	1 08	–	–
3 acres Raymond land,	200	1 44	–	–
13 " " "	325	2 34	–	–
Cockery, Carl and Bagley, Michael,	–	–	–	–
14 acres Pettee lot,	900	6 48	–	–
Colburn, Joseph, estate of,	4,100	29 52	5,210	37 51
9 acres Poles Island,	250	1 80	–	–
13 " Woodward lot,	520	3 74	–	–
7 " meadow,	180	1 30	–	–
12 " Ellis lot,	300	2 16	–	–
15 " Pell Smith lot,	1,650	11 88	–	–
5 " Bird's hill lot,	150	1 08	–	–
4 " with J. S. Bird's estate,	125	90	–	–
2½ " with A. Blackman,	50	36	–	–
18 " Newell pasture,	400	2 88	–	–
18 " near marked tree,	900	6 48	–	–
30 " Okinton lot,	600	4 32	–	–
6 " Bond lot,	100	72	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Colburn, Joseph, 20 acres Pine swamp,	$400	$2 88	–	–
5 acres near Lyons,	200	1 44	–	–
8 " Whiting lot,	300	2 16	–	–
2 " Chestnut hill lot,	100	72	–	–
5 " meadow causeway,	125	90	–	–
Smith place,	1,700	12 24	–	–
70 acres Smith unimproved,	2,000	14 40	–	–
6 " meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
20 " Alfred Colburn land,	600	4 32	–	–
20 " unimp. Colburn land,	400	2 88	–	–
Costellow, William, estate of,	900	6 48	–	–
Colburn, Warren,	–	–	$50	$0 36
Colburn, Luther, estate of,	–	–	2,500	18 00
Colburn, Ann,	–	–	584	4 20
Cockery, Cornelius,	–	–	–	–
2 houses and land,	1,600	11 52	25	18
Clapp, Theophilus C.,	–	–	1,800	12 96
Cocklin, William,	–	–	44	31
Curon, Thomas,	–	–	14	10
Carter, R. B.,	–	–	225	1 62
Colcord, J. M.,	3,300	23 76	1,410	10 15
50 acres unimproved land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Crosby, Charles,	–	–	25	18
Childs, A. B.,	2,900	20 88	233	1 68
15 acres unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
Cavnaugh, Michael,	2,650	19 08	250	1 80
50 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
Old meeting-house,	150	1 08	–	–
31 acres P. Lyon land,	450	3 24	–	–
Clark, William L.,	2,200	15 84	87	62
Carhart, William,	2,025	14 58	130	94
14 acres unimproved land,	550	3 96	–	–
19 " unimproved land,	500	3 60	–	–
Clark, Hannah,	2,300	16 56	–	–
3 acres land,	100	72	–	–
17 " Sprout land,	425	3 06	–	–
Cooper, George, house and lot,	500	3 60	–	–
Lot 170, Paine land,	10	7	–	–
" 280, Holman land,	45	32	–	–
Cogswell, S. B.,	1,000	7 20	350	2 52
1½ acres, city of Boston,	150	1 08	–	–
Cogshall, Timothy,	–	–	107	77
Cooper, James,	–	–	25	18
Carhart, Mary,	–	–	400	2 88
Cameron, John,	–	–	10	7
Cahill, Edmund,	1,050	7 56	–	–
Cotting, Elisha,	–	–	100	72
Chamberlain, N. & G. D.,	3,750	27 00	320	2 30
3 acres unimproved land,	150	1 08	–	–
Curtis, John,	3,400	24 48	775	5 58
1 acre Gardner land,	400	2 88	–	–
1¼ " Montague land,	300	2 16	–	–

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Clement, Daniel W.,	$900	$6 48	–	–
Crowley, Dennis,	–	–	–	–
Lot No. 5, Paine land,	55	40	$25	$0 18
" " "	50	36	–	–
Cartwright, James,	1,050	7 56	180	1 30
24 acres unimproved land,	550	3 96	–	–
9 " Ware land,	400	2 88	–	–
Collins, C. A.,	3,300	23 76	200	1 44
3 acres Arnold place,	550	3 96	–	–
1 acre Shaw land,	50	36	–	–
Childs, George H.,	1,800	12 96	250	1 80
DADMUN, Daniel,	–	–	75	54
Dadmun, Dan'l, hrs. of Kingsbury l'd,	500	3 60	–	–
Dewing, Seth,	5,600	40 32	790	5 69
Smith land,	400	2 88	–	–
75 acres unimproved land,	2,300	16 56	–	–
13 " with house,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Dewing, Joseph H.,	–	–	975	7 02
Darling, George F.,	–	–	–	–
6 acres land, with barn,	800	5 76	–	–
Lot No. 21, Blanchard land,	75	54	–	–
Dana, Dennison D.,	2,100	15 12	660	4 75
9 acres Hannah Foster land,	650	4 68	–	–
Dix, Elizabeth,	2,500	18 00	–	–
New house and lot,	600	4 32	–	–
Dolan, Patrick,	1,475	10 62	157	1 13
17 acres unimproved land,	425	3 06	–	–
Davenport, Lydia L.,	925	6 66	–	–
Duggan, Dennis,	–	–	7	5
Daniell, George K.,	4,800	34 56	139	1 00
22 acres unimproved land,	1,050	7 56	–	–
Small house and lot,	650	4 68	–	–
Dadmun, Newell H.,	–	–	75	54
Darragh, Hugh,	–	–	–	–
Paine and Holman land,	600	4 32	–	–
Donnovan, Michael,	1,350	9 72	–	–
12 acres unimproved land,	250	1 80	–	–
Devens, Charles,	–	–	–	–
Lot 27, Holman land,	50	36	–	–
Lots 285 and 286, Holman land,	30	22	–	–
Daniell, Timothy,	2,300	16 56	110	79
8 acres unimproved land,	125	90	–	–
Dudley, Ezra C.,	2,000	14 40	1,000	7 20
Hyde place,	800	5 76	–	–
10½ acres Carter lot,	700	5 04	–	–
Small house unfinished,	300	2 16	–	–
2 acres improved land,	400	2 88	–	–
28 " Kingsbury lot,	800	5 76	–	–
11 " Raymond lot,	825	5 94	–	–
House, stable and lot, Colburn,	2,100	15 12	–	–
New house on Colburn lot,	1,300	9 36	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Davenport, Sarah,	–	–	$550	$3 96
Dudley and Carter,	–	–	–	–
Buildings and lot,	$800	$5 76	–	–
Dewing, Warren,	4,850	34 92	1,958	14 10
18 acres unimproved land,	1,300	9 36	–	–
9 " Broad meadow,	300	2 16	–	–
6 " Ridge hill,	175	1 26	–	–
10 " Pine swamp,	50	36	–	–
2 " Smith lot,	50	36	–	–
1¾ " Sargent lot,	75	54	–	–
Dewing & Rice, 15 acres Brown land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
35 acres Gorham land,	1,800	12 96	–	–
Davenport, Josiah,	1,400	10 08	–	–
10 acres land, with house,	800	5 76	–	–
Dudley, Charles E.,	–	–	1,000	7 20
Dewing, C. H. & G. W., store and lot,	2,000	14 40	1,150	8 28
House and lot,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Deterich, Carl,	1,400	10 08	–	–
10 acres unimproved land,	250	1 80	–	–
Dewing, William,	600	4 32	57	41
22 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
4 " meadow,	100	72	–	–
6 " Quinn lot,	90	65	–	–
2 " meadow,	30	22	–	–
De Lesdernier, G. F.,	150	1 08	–	–
EATON, George E.,	1,600	11 52	346	2 49
Eaton, Augustus,	2,100	15 12	40	29
6 acres unimproved land,	150	1 08	–	–
Eayrs, William C.,	3,300	23 76	2,500	18 00
10 acres unimproved land,	150	1 08	–	–
6 " Tolman meadow,	250	1 80	–	–
8 " unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
8⅓ " Stevens land,	900	6 48	–	–
Eaton, Josiah,	1,300	9 36	14	10
Eaton, William,	–	–	20	14
Emmons, Charles P.,	1,600	11 52	5,114	36 82
5 acres meadow land,	100	72	–	–
6 " imp., 18 unimp. land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Estabrook, Elias,	–	–	82	59
Estabrook, James,	2,700	19 44	339	2 44
23 acres unimproved land,	450	3 24	–	–
Estes, Nathan C.,	2,100	15 12	50	36
Evans, John,	–	–	25	18
FULLER, Edwin,	925	6 66	120	86
12 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
Lot 61, Paine land,	30	22	–	–
" 62, " "	50	36	–	–
Flagg, Isaac,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Flagg lot,	25	18	–	–
Fogg, William D.,	800	5 76	7	5

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Fuller, Asa, shop and land,	$225	$1 62	$50	$0 36
Lot 53, Paine land,	12	9	–	–
" 54, " "	15	11	–	–
" 159, " "	10	7	–	–
" 160, " "	10	7	–	–
" 161, " "	10	7	–	–
" F, " "	15	11	–	–
" 54, " "	15	11	–	–
Flagg, William,	3,500	25 20	684	4 92
Loker land,	500	3 60	–	–
Old place,	400	2 88	–	–
Dewing lot,	275	1 98	–	–
5 acres meadow,	75	54	–	–
Lot 74 and 75, Kingsbury land,	60	43	–	–
Lot 64, Paine land,	20	14	–	–
Methodist meeting-house lot,	25	18	–	–
Flagg, William Henry,	–	–	125	90
Flagg, Solomon,	1,550	11 16	188	1 35
Old house and barn,	150	1 08	–	–
Yellow house and lot,	1,600	11 52	–	–
Bullard lot,	300	2 16	–	–
Fitch, Thomas,	600	4 32	25	18
Flagg, Esther,	450	2 34	–	–
Flagg, W. & W. H.,	–	–	800	5 76
Fuller, Hezekiah, estate of,	–	–	1,700	12 24
Fuller, Hezekiah,	3,800	27 36	125	90
Fuller, Andrew W.,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Fuller, Augustus,	3,700	26 64	244	1 76
36 acres unimproved land,	1,100	7 92	–	–
9 " woodland,	200	1 44	–	–
Fuller, Jonathan,	2,700	19 44	232	1 67
4 acres meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
New house and lot,	800	5 76	–	–
Webber land,	600	4 32	–	–
33 acres unimproved land,	1,100	7 92	–	–
Fuller, Alvin,	2,100	15 12	95	68
13½ acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Fiske, Emery,	5,050	36 36	5,625	40 50
122 acres unimproved land,	3,200	23 04	–	–
Field, Lucius,	500	3 60	–	–
Flagg, Sophia B.,	–	–	105	76
Fitsgerald, Michael,	800	5 76	–	–
Farley, Amelia N.,	2,600	18 72	–	–
Farley, Gustavus,	–	–	1,207	8 69
Fuller, Jonathan, trustee,	–	–	700	5 04
Fuller, Jona., Granville & Augustus,	2,800	20 16	–	–
Fitch, Bridget,	–	–	–	–
Paine land,	59	42	–	–
Fisk, George A.,	–	–	50	36
Flannigan, Patrick O.,	–	–	150	1 08
Flagg, Eben,	750	5 40	–	–
14½ acres land,	1,100	7 92	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Flaherty, Michael J.,	$350	$2 52	$39	$0 28
18 lots on Bostonville,	510	3 67	–	–
Flagg, Charles H.,	1,300	9 36	90	65
Flanders, Charles,	2,350	16 92	150	1 08
Fisher, Henry A.,	–	–	25	18
Fuller, Reuben,	–	–	589	4 24
Friemouth, Frederick,	–	–	205	1 47
Fuller, Charles,	800	5 76	25	18
Fuller, Spencer, estate of,	3,300	23 76	89	64
10 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
8 " unimproved, Judd lot,	250	1 80	–	–
8 " pine swamp,	100	72	–	–
Fisher, Lydia,	1,075	7 74	50	36
42 acres unimproved land,	675	4 86	–	–
George Dewing place,	625	4 50	–	–
Flagg, Isaac, 2d,	450	3 24	–	–
Fisher, Albert A.,	950	6 84	55	39
Fanning, Philip,	350	2 52	25	18
Fulton, Thomas,	1,150	8 28	132	95
4 acres, Foley,	300	2 16	–	–
Freeman, William,	1,300	9 36	–	–
GREENWOOD, Abijah,	1,600	11 52	346	2 49
23 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
10 " on North hill,	300	2 16	–	–
Greenwood, C. C.,	–	–	2,500	18 00
Green, Ellen M.,	–	–	2,500	18 00
Gillow, Lorenzo D.,	–	–	–	–
Meadow,	125	90	–	–
Greenwood, Isaac H.,	1,200	8 64	–	–
Griggs, John A.,	1,150	8 28	87	62
16 acres unimproved land,	320	2 30	–	–
Gay, George H.,	2,000	14 40	537	3 86
40 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
20 " Blackman land,	800	5 76	–	–
4 " Sprout land,	100	72	–	–
3 " Farrington meadow,	50	36	–	–
2½ " meadow,	50	36	–	–
12 " Lewis lot,	300	2 16	–	–
Glancy, William,	725	5 22	100	72
2 acres meadow,	40	29	–	–
6 " Capen meadow,	120	86	–	–
3 " meadow,	100	72	–	–
Gay, Ada,	–	–	–	–
18 acres unimproved land,	450	3 24	–	–
4 " meadow,	50	36	–	–
6 " wood,	400	2 88	–	–
10 " Broad meadow,	100	72	–	–
Gay, Rachel,	–	–	–	–
½ Morse place,	650	4 68	–	–
12½ acres Palmer lot,	900	6 48	–	–
5 " unimproved land,	75	54	–	–

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Geyer, John M.,	$1,200	$8 64	$100	$0 72
Grover, John P.,	–	–	30	22
Gay, Jonathan, heirs of,	3,300	23 76	–	–
7 acres Smith pasture,	300	2 16	–	–
⅓ acre Pitcher swamp,	10	7	–	–
Greenwood, J. W.,	–	–	150	1 08
Gray, James,	–	–	–	–
Richardson place,	1,900	13 68	–	–
13 acres unimproved land,	350	2 52	–	–
10 " Peat meadow,	650	4 68	–	–
19 " Brook's place,	600	4 32	–	–
Gray, William,	1,000	7 20	60	43
Gray, James,	2,600	18 72	425	3 06
4 lots Bostonville land,	446	3 21	–	–
Gould, Joshua J.,	–	–	1,200	8 64
Glancy, Barnard,	–	–	1,100	7 92
HURD, Willard,	1,900	13 68	200	1 44
16 acres unimproved land,	600	4 32	–	–
5 " unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Howe, Henry L.,	–	–	1,439	10 37
Hollis, E. P.,	–	–	5,000	36 00
Horr, Luther,	1,900	13 68	75	54
Hastings, Aaron,	775	5 58	–	–
Hunting, Timothy,	2,000	14 40	230	1 66
1 acre improved land,	50	36	–	–
Hoogs, George W.,	3,300	23 76	50	36
New house and lot,	1,700	12 24	–	–
Bartlet house and lot,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Hyde, George, heirs of,	1,700	12 24	–	–
15 acres unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
Hunting, Israel,	800	5 76	7	5
Haviland, Marcus,	–	–	25	18
Harrington, Osborn C.,	2,300	16 56	–	–
Hobbs, Francis,	–	–	25	18
Heckle, William,	5,900	42 48	260	1 87
Barn,	300	2 16	–	–
Old house and lot,	500	3 60	–	–
Hanchett, P. S.,	1,800	12 96	–	–
Hanchett & Morse,	–	–	2,100	15 12
Howland, George,	6,500	46 80	–	–
New house,	2,400	17 28	–	–
One house lot,	175	1 26	–	–
Harvey, Adiel,	9,100	65 52	210	1 51
How, George,	1,450	10 44	125	90
Hanck, Christopher,	2,300	16 56	90	65
25 acres unimproved land,	900	6 48	–	–
Harmon, C. H.,	1,500	10 80	25	18
Harris, John M.,	2,800	20 16	280	2 01
31 acres unimproved land,	950	6 84	–	–
½ Stevens lot,	600	4 32	–	–
Harris, William B.,	–	–	600	4 32

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Hardy, George H.,	$1,500	$10 80	$150	$1 08
80 acres unimproved land,	1,300	9 36	–	–
Hurd, Reuben,	3,600	25 92	395	2 84
40 acres unimproved land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
1 acre peat meadow,	50	36	–	–
Hart, Abraham, heirs of,	600	4 32	–	–
Hager, Joseph, heirs of,	1,100	7 92	–	–
Harnden, Angeline C.,	900	6 48	–	–
Buildings and lot,	1,100	7 92	–	–
Herring, William D.,	–	–	60	43
Henderson, John,	–	–	260	1 87
Hemmer, Loreni,	1,100	7 92	100	72
16 acres unimproved land,	425	3 06	–	–
12 " pine swamp,	125	90	–	–
Haley, Morris, heirs of,	750	5 40	–	–
JOHNSON, John H.,	–	–	130	94
Jones, Miles,	700	5 04	100	72
Jones, Sarah, trustee,	–	–	5,366	38 64
Jennings, Ethel,	–	–	150	1 08
Johnson, David,	–	–	25	18
Jennings, George,	3,200	23 04	3,100	22 32
3 lots Kingsbury land,	140	1 01	–	–
13 " Blanchard land,	780	5 62	–	–
KEEGAN, Lawrence,	–	–	25	18
Kingsbury, William D.,	700	5 04	–	–
Kimball, William A.,	–	–	–	–
2 acres improved land,	400	2 88	50	36
5 " improved land,	700	5 04	–	–
Kerr, William,	800	5 76	–	–
Kingsbury, Dexter,	1,900	13 68	–	–
Buildings, lot and store,	1,100	7 92	–	–
5 acres unimproved land,	125	90	–	–
Lot 16, Kingsbury land,	33	24	–	–
Kingsbury, L. Allen,	–	–	–	–
5 acres imp., 5 unimproved land,	500	3 60	150	1 08
Hotel land, with buildings,	800	5 76	–	–
30 acres Grocers' bank land,	1,200	8 64	–	–
5 " Smith land,	250	1 80	–	–
3 " Crosby land,	300	2 16	–	–
Kingsbury, Willard H.,	–	–	100	72
Kingsbury, Lauren,	1,950	14 04	–	–
34 acres unimproved land,	850	6 12	–	–
Kingsbury, Willard,	5,200	37 44	225	1 62
17 acres unimproved land,	475	3 42	–	–
20 " near McCrackens,	500	3 60	–	–
Kinaan, Thomas,	–	–	7	5
Kenny, Patrick,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Kingsbury, Charles,	–	–	3,100	22 32
8 lots Kingsbury, Paine and Holman land,	248	1 78	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Kingsbury, Luther, estate of,	$4,550	$32 76	–	–
46 lots Kingsbury land,	–	9 88	–	–
Kingsbury, Lucinda,	650	4 68	–	–
3 acres front land,	125	90	–	–
Kingsbury, Mary,	–	–	–	–
½ building, 10 acres land,	1,350	9 72	–	–
Kingsbury, George O.,	1,000	7 20	$110	$0 79
Kingsbury, John, 2d,	1,325	9 54	115	83
16 acres unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
Kimball, Daniel,	6,000	43 20	150	1 08
46 acres unimproved land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
30 " pasture land,	1,300	9 36	–	–
37 " Fiske lot,	500	3 60	–	–
32 " Pond field,	450	3 24	–	–
10 " Richardson lot,	300	2 16	–	–
8 " Fuller & Mills lot,	200	1 44	–	–
21½ " Lyon lot,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Kingsbury, George L.,	1,000	7 20	75	54
9 acres unimproved land,	225	1 62	–	–
3½ " Broad meadow,	100	72	–	–
1½ " Rosemary meadow,	75	54	–	–
Kingsbury, E. Lyman,	1,650	11 88	20	14
Kingsbury, William A.,	6,600	47 52	170	1 22
53 acres unimproved land,	1,400	10 08	–	–
6 " Causeway meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
12 " improv. 10 unimp. land,	750	5 40	–	–
1¾ " Sargent lot,	75	54	–	–
Kingsbury, Isaac M.,	1,200	8 64	40	29
Kingsbury, Jonathan,	600	4 32	50	36
2½ acres unimproved land,	40	29	–	–
Kingsbury, Asa,	5,900	42 48	1,846	13 29
8 acres unimproved land,	800	5 76	–	–
14 " Bird's hill,	450	3 24	–	–
15 " with Bird estate,	350	2 52	–	–
10 " near High Rock,	500	3 60	–	–
3 " Company meadow,	100	72	–	–
3½ " with Lemuel K.,	100	72	–	–
4 " Rosemary meadow,	75	54	–	–
Kingsbury, Lemuel,	1,600	11 52	11,275	81 18
2 small houses and lots,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Glue shops,	550	3 96	–	–
12 acres Cushman lot,	500	3 60	–	–
3½ " Whitney lot,	100	72	–	–
18 " Poles island,	550	3 96	–	–
3½ " with Asa K.,	100	72	–	–
2 " Long ditch,	50	36	–	–
4 " Company meadow,	100	72	–	–
½ " Orr land,	150	1 08	–	–
7 " Bird hill,	200	1 44	–	–
Kibbler, John T.,	–	–	25	18
Kibbler, Matthias F., estate of,	1,200	8 64	–	–
39 acres unimproved land,	800	5 76	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Kingsbury, Amasa,	–	–	–	–
Meadow land,	$150	$1 08	$1,000	$7 20
2 acres improved land,	50	36	–	–
8 " unimproved land,	120	86	–	–
8 " Bullen land,	100	72	–	–
Kingsbury, Sarah S.,	1,300	9 36	–	–
Kingsbury, John,	–	–	–	–
5 acres Wood lot,	500	3 60	–	–
2 " improved land,	100	72	–	–
Kingsbury, Lauren,	2,000	14 40	125	90
6 acres unimproved land,	500	3 60	–	–
45 " Craft pasture,	900	6 48	–	–
Keith, Charles E.,	5,000	36 00	1,500	10 80
New house,	1,400	10 08	–	–
13 acres unimproved land,	800	5 76	–	–
5 " Geyer land,	200	1 44	–	–
3 " Gilbert land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
McReading house lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Harvey, buildings and lot,	3,000	21 60	–	–
New house,	800	5 76	–	–
Murray, house and land,	500	3 60	–	–
8 acres unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
Kelley, Dennis,	400	2 88	25	18
Kingsbury, Luther,	–	–	–	–
3½ acres improved land,	100	72	500	3 60
2 " improved land,	50	36	–	–
8 " improved land,	200	1 44	–	–
8 " Richards lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Knapp, Sumner & Sons,	3,800	27 36	456	3 28
17 acres unimproved land,	650	4 68	–	–
Lawton, William,	2,250	16 20	1,334	9 60
Livingston, David M. C.,	2,100	15 12	117	84
4 acres swamp land,	50	36	–	–
Lyon, Elisha H.,	–	–	–	–
5 acres meadow,	150	1 08	2,325	16 74
Lyon, Elisha,	2,400	17 28	153	1 10
7 acres wood lot,	200	1 44	–	–
5 " swamp,	125	90	–	–
8 " meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
3 " Poles island,	125	90	–	–
Libby, Alvah,	–	–	65	47
Louder, John,	–	–	250	1 80
Lyon, William,	2,850	20 52	175	1 26
60 acres unimproved land,	1,600	11 52	–	–
Leslie, Irvill J.,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Leland, Harrison,	2,200	15 84	–	–
Loker, Ephraim,	250	1 80	72	52
5 acres meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
17 " improved land,	350	2 52	–	–
20 " improved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Lake, Flavius J.,	2,500	18 00	400	2 88

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Lovewell, Charles B.,	–	–	–	–
House and lot, Brown land,	$500	$3 60	$32	$0 23
Lot 18 and 20, Blanchard land,	100	72	–	–
House and lot, Blanchard land,	500	3 60	–	–
Lovewell, Martha J.,	2,300	16 56	100	72
6 acres meadow,	200	1 44	–	–
Lincoln, John L.,	1,300	9 36	100	72
Shop and lot,	300	2 16	–	–
Longfellow, Nathan,	5,050	36 36	870	6 26
13 acres unimproved land,	500	3 60	–	–
Mill and privilege,	3,600	25 92	–	–
Libby, John A.,	2,500	18 00	131	94
35 acres unimproved land,	850	6 12	–	–
Lyon, Lemuel, estate of,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Lee, John and Mark,	850	6 12	–	–
8 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Morse, William,	1,150	8 28	132	95
31 acres unimproved land,	775	5 58	–	–
Mansfield, John,	2,450	17 64	408	2 94
32 acres unimproved land,	900	6 48	–	–
5 " meadow,	150	1 08	–	–
Mansfield, Robert,	1,450	10 44	25	18
10 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Old place,	700	5 04	–	–
4 acres P. Lyon land,	100	72	–	–
4 " Stevens meadow,	100	72	–	–
Morton, W. T. G., trustee, Noyes estate	2,700	19 44	–	–
13½ acres unimproved land do.,	425	3 06	–	–
Bailey Place,	350	2 52	–	–
Littleton Place,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Morton, Rebecca, and Morton, W. T. G., trustees,	3,500	25 20	160	1 15
New cottage house and lot,	2,100	15 12	–	–
Meagher, John,	100	72	–	–
McKinny, John,	1,000	7 20	57	41
5 lots Paine land,	42	32	–	–
McCracken, John,	1,375	9 90	1,060	7 63
66½ acres unimproved land,	1,350	9 72	–	–
Small house and lot,	400	2 88	–	–
6 acres Cleveland lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Lot 87 Kingsbury land,	38	27	–	–
Monneghan, John,	350	2 52	14	10
McCracken, Alexander,	700	5 04	–	–
Moulton, George W.,	3,000	21 60	–	–
Mulcahy, Jerry,	350	2 52	60	43
Fitch Place,	300	2 16	–	–
McIntosh, Sylvester,	1,900	13 68	165	1 19
6 lots Paine land,	105	75	–	–
2 " from Griffin,	225	1 62	–	–
Mahoney, Daniel,	–	–	10	7
Maloy, Thomas,	–	–	14	10

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Maley, John O.,	–	–	–	–
Crowley Place,	$200	$1 44	–	–
Marshall, John,	1,800	12 96	–	–
Morse, Oliver,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Morse, Daniel,	1,600	11 52	$0 75	$0 54
28 acres unimproved land,	375	2 70	–	–
27 " Brown land,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Shop and land,	1,900	13 68	–	–
Morrill, Peter W.,	2,700	19 44	100	72
Morrill, Ruth, Sullivan place,	1,800	12 96	725	5 22
6 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Macer, Joseph,	350	2 52	–	–
Murphy, William,	–	–	14	10
Munroe, Francis,	–	–	100	72
Morse, Daniel, and Stevens, Augustus,	–	–	–	–
14 acres Brown & Stevens land,	300	2 16	–	–
Morton, Otis, and C. Willard,	–	–	–	–
Glue shops and land,	900	6 48	300	2 16
Morton, Otis, Jr.,	–	–	1,400	10 08
Morton, Otis,	4,150	29 88	358	2 58
7 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
7 " meadow,	125	90	–	–
New house,	550	3 96	–	–
May, Benjamin D.,	2,100	15 12	100	72
Mills, Davis K.,	–	–	–	–
5½ acres unimproved land,	225	1 62	–	–
May, Daniel,	–	–	–	–
4 acres Kingsbury land,	400	2 88	72	52
Morse, Thomas E.,	1,200	8 64	7	5
Mills, Peady R.,	–	–	660	4 75
McIntosh, Charles,	800	5 76	–	–
McIntosh, Curtis, heirs of,	3,400	24 48	494	3 50
6 acres Okinton lot,	100	72	–	–
20 " unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
McIntosh, Mary,	–	–	–	–
11 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	571	4 11
Mills, Davis C.,	3,700	26 64	3,104	22 35
8½ acres unimproved land,	275	1 98	–	–
20 " Cheney lot,	600	4 32	–	–
4 " Lewis lot,	150	1 08	–	–
5 " Lyon swamp,	125	90	–	–
20 " Old place,	1,000	7 20	–	–
10 " unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Williston place,	1,400	10 08	–	–
Matthias Mills,	3,050	21 96	7,375	53 10
Morse place,	1,300	9 36	–	–
New house,	600	4 32	–	–
Glue shop,	500	3 60	–	–
10 acres impr'd land, Old place,	750	5 40	–	–
20 " unimp. land, Old place,	550	3 96	–	–
14 " " " Slack lot,	350	2 52	–	–
3 " " " Newell,	150	1 08	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Mills, Edward A.,	$1,500	$10 80	$150	$1 08
19 acres unimproved land,	600	4 32	–	–
4 " Rosemary meadow,	100	72	–	–
Minchin, John,	4,000	28 80	225	1 62
12 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
McIntosh, Nathan,	–	–	171	1 23
Marchant, Frederick,	2,000	14 40	2,735	21 69
Buildings, lumber yard,	750	5 40	–	–
1 acre improved land,	150	1 08	–	–
Mills, John,	2,150	15 48	16,204	116 67
6 acres unimproved land,	120	86	–	–
10½ " " "	150	1 08	–	–
Small house and lot,	650	4 68	–	–
35 acres, Gay lot,	1,300	9 36	–	–
33 " Pine swamp,	500	3 60	–	–
Morton, William H.,	350	2 52	–	–
Mayo, John F. J.,	2,200	15 84	82	59
2½ acres Mother's lot,	60	43	–	–
4 " " "	100	72	–	–
McIntosh, George C.,	1,200	8 64	105	76
12 acres improved land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
18 " unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
McIntosh, Charles and Curtis,	–	–	441	3 17
McIntosh, Frank A.,	–	–	75	54
McIntosh, Ebenezer W.,	2,400	17 28	1,315	9 47
2 acres Chestnut hill,	80	58	–	–
10 " meadow,	200	1 44	–	–
4 " Pine swamp,	50	36	–	–
12 " near Jonathan Fuller's,	350	2 52	–	–
May, Henry F.,	–	–	600	4 32
Murphy, Jeremiah,	325	2 34	39	28
McIntosh, James,	–	–	–	–
30 acres Ellis lot,	250	1 80	–	–
8 " Pine swamp,	75	54	–	–
Manning, Alvares,	–	–	–	–
27 acres land,	2,100	15 12	–	–
NEWELL, Marshall, wood lot,	225	1 62	107	77
Noyes, Josiah,	2,000	14 40	75	54
Newell, Artemas,	3,600	25 92	1,150	8 28
5 acres unimproved land,	125	90	–	–
3 " woodland,	150	1 08	–	–
2½ " meadow,	75	54	–	–
5 " J. Kingsbury,	200	1 44	–	–
Noyes, Edward, heirs of,	–	–	–	–
20 acres unimproved land,	350	2 52	–	–
Noyes, Clarissa,	2,000	14 40	50	36
Old place,	4,100	29 52	–	–
53 acres S. Kingsbury place,	1,800	12 96	–	–
28 " " "	700	5 04	–	–
Noyes, Clarissa, and Slack, Cath.,	–	–	–	–
10⅔ acres improved land,	1,400	10 08	–	–

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Nye, William H.,	$2,000	$14 40	–	–
Noyes, Clarissa, and Slack, Sarah,	–	–	–	–
12½ acres improved land,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Norcross & Knight,	–	–	$1,260	$9 07
O'Niel, John,	700	5 04	64	46
3 acres unimproved land,	100	72	–	–
Orr, Thomas,	1,825	13 14	–	–
5 acres unimproved land,	175	1 26	–	–
Orr, Albert,	650	4 68	–	–
Orr, Galen,	3,900	28 08	555	3 99
McIntosh house and lot,	1,150	8 28	–	–
Tenements,	1,300	9 36	–	–
McIntosh shops and building,	2,500	18 00	–	–
Slaughter house and lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Two houses and lots,	1,300	9 36	–	–
Small house and lot,	500	3 60	–	–
Lyon place, shops and privilege,	2,400	17 28	–	–
4 acres Chestnut hill,	150	1 08	–	–
9 " Parish land,	500	3 60	–	–
8 " Thomas Orr,	350	2 52	–	–
40½ " Colburn land,	4,250	30 60	–	–
2 " 3 building lots,	200	1 44	–	–
5 " North hill,	150	1 08	–	–
1 acre Dewing lot,	75	54	–	–
Palmer, George W.,	2,300	16 56	–	–
1½ acres improved land,	500	3 60	–	–
House lot,	125	90	–	–
Pratt, Anna K.,	750	5 40	–	–
9 acres unimproved land,	360	2 59	–	–
Pierce, William,	2,200	15 84	344	2 47
60 acres unimproved land,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Old place,	1,600	11 52	–	–
35 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
10 " Loring meadow,	100	72	–	–
Pickering, Oliver,	–	–	25	18
Pierce, George J.,	–	–	250	1 80
Parish, First, Needham, 9 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Parker, Richard,	1,125	8 10	–	–
2 lots Paine land,	120	86	–	–
Perrin, Noah,	2,500	18 00	–	–
Purcell, Thomas,	300	2 16	25	18
17 acres land,	650	4 68	–	–
Patten, Claudius B.,	–	–	1,793	12 91
Pulcifer, John,	1,500	10 80	10	7
Perry, Calvin,	2,200	15 84	100	72
Quinn, Terence P.,	425	3 06	90	65
9 acres meadow,	250	1 80	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
RICHARDSON, Benjamin, estate of,	–	–	–	–
14 acres land,	$550	$3 96	$1,500	$10 80
Richardson, Benjamin,	1,200	8 64	25	18
Revere, George B.,	1,500	10 80	250	1 80
Revere, George,	4,100	29 52	160	1 15
Nehoiden hall and lot,	1,300	9 36	–	–
13 acres Bullough land,	400	2 88	–	–
Richardson, George V.,	650	4 68	65	47
6 acres unimproved land,	150	1 08	–	–
Richards, Joseph,	810	5 83	82	59
12 acres woodland,	425	3 06	–	–
8 " unimproved land,	160	1 15	–	–
Richards, Joseph E.,	600	4 32	14	10
Ryan, Thomas, estate of,	900	6 48	50	36
8 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Russell, Hannah F.,	650	4 68	–	–
Russell, Lewis B.,	–	–	625	4 50
Ricker, Benjamin,	–	–	100	72
Russell, Joseph,	1,650	11 88	75	54
9 acres S. Fuller land,	175	1 26	–	–
5 " Bacon place,	1,050	7 56	–	–
Reynolds, B. F.,	–	–	500	3 60
Russell, Joseph H.,	800	5 76	–	–
Rotchford, John,	–	–	–	–
Lot 106 Kingsbury land,	25	18	40	29
Ryan, Patrick,	–	–	14	10
Rice, Charles,	4,700	33 84	240	1 73
40 acres Pratt farm,	6,000	43 20	–	–
37 " " "	1,100	7 92	–	–
Buildings,	800	5 76	–	–
Three story house,	2,300	16 56	–	–
13½ acres meadow & sprout land,	350	2 52	–	–
20 " woodland,	450	3 24	–	–
16 " unimproved Pratt land,	800	5 76	–	–
Blacksmith's shop and lot,	600	4 32	–	–
House,	600	4 32	–	–
Rice, Charles, Jr.,	–	–	–	–
Buildings and lot,	600	4 32	2,389	17 19
Privilege mill and machinery,	1,600	11 52	–	–
Paint factory,	1,400	10 08	–	–
New house and land,	4,400	31 68	–	–
Lot 85, Paine land,	25	18	–	–
Richardson, Samuel C.,	1,000	7 20	1,075	7 74
5 acres unimproved land,	400	–	–	–
SAWYER, John,	5,000	36 00	225	1 62
5 acres A. Fuller land,	500	3 60	–	–
Southwick, Joseph,	3,200	23 04	25	18
2 lots Bostonville land,	28	20	–	–
Southwick, Thankful,	–	–	725	5 22
Stevens, Sarah,	–	–	400	2 88
Seagraves, Saul S.,	–	–	120	86

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Seagraves, Gilbert H.,	$900	$6 48	–	–
38 acres Mansfield land,	1,200	8 64	–	–
12 " " "	300	2 16	–	–
Stevens, Franklin,	4,300	30 96	$1,590	$11 45
58 acres unimproved land,	1,500	10 80	–	–
12 " " "	600	4 32	–	–
Stevens, Horace,	–	–	–	–
20 acres in Hundreds,	600	4 32	4,918	35 41
Smith, George,	–	–	300	2 16
Smith, Ebenezer,	1,350	9 72	–	–
Smith, Solomon F.,	6,200	44 64	784	5 64
10 acres unimproved land,	750	5 40	–	–
1 acre " "	25	18	–	–
4 acres Hundreds,	75	54	–	–
Stevens, Augustus,	1,050	7 56	50	36
Meadow,	25	18	–	–
Stevens, Augustus, guardian,	–	–	–	–
7 acres meadow,	300	2 16	1,600	11 52
Stedman, Rebecca,	1,700	12 24	–	–
Stone, Daniel,	–	–	60	43
Scudder, Marshall S.,	9,300	66 96	2,530	18 22
Small house and lot,	400	2 88	–	–
Whiting land,	700	5 04	–	–
Slack, Thomas W.,	–	–	–	–
2 acres improved land,	500	3 60	–	–
14 " Richardson land,	350	2 52	–	–
2½ " Chestnut Hill,	150	1 08	–	–
Slack, Charles B.,	–	–	100	72
Spring, George,	2,200	15 84	85	61
Slack, Catherine and Sarah,	–	–	–	–
¾ acres land,	650	4 68	–	–
5 " unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Sawyer, Otis, estate of,	2,600	17 28	200	1 44
17 acres unimproved land,	575	4 14	–	–
10 " land,	200	1 44	–	–
Smith, Eunice,	–	–	–	–
Part of house,	225	1 62	2,800	20 16
Sumner, Samuel B.,	2,700	19 44	–	–
1½ acres land,	75	54	–	–
Severance, Charles R.,	–	–	75	54
Shaw, John W.,	7,600	54 72	164	1 18
1 acre improved land,	150	1 08	–	–
1 " near Aylings,	275	1 98	–	–
20 lots Bostonville land,	441	3 20	–	–
Adams place,	1,600	11 52	–	–
D. Batchelder place,	700	5 04	–	–
Stone, H. L., and Shaw, J. W.,	–	–	–	–
¾ acre land,	100	72	–	–
Shaw, Stone & Ayling,	–	–	–	–
1 acre with building,	700	5 04	–	–
Smith, Susan,	–	–	200	1 44
Smith, Susan, trustee,	1,700	12 24	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Persona Estate.
Stone, Henry L.,	$9,000	$64 80	$770	$5 54
18 acres unimproved land,	650	4 68	–	–
6 " Kingsbury meadow,	500	3 60	–	–
10 lots Bostonville land,	302	2 17	–	–
Stevens, Eliza,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Stoyle, Sophia,	650	4 68	–	–
17 acres unimproved land,	350	2 52	–	–
Smith, Newell,	950	6 84	–	–
Smith, Timothy N.,	1,300	9 36	500	3 60
Lumber yard and buildings,	600	4 32	–	–
4 acres Russell lot,	150	1 08	–	–
House lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Sumner, Lewis,	2,900	20 88	1,094	7 88
27 acres unimproved land,	1,100	7 92	–	–
Sumner, Keziah,	–	–	1,170	8 42
Smith, James,	2,700	19 44	50	36
Stedman, William M.,	4,800	34 56	1,166	8 40
10 acres unimproved land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Small house and lot,	300	2 16	–	–
House lot,	200	1 44	–	–
Smith, Leonard,	1,850	13 32	314	2 26
18 acres improved land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
2½ " meadow,	50	36	–	–
Stevens, George G.,	2,300	16 56	795	5 72
65 acres unimproved land,	1,600	11 52	–	–
6 " meadow,	125	90	–	–
4½ " Picket land,	300	2 16	–	–
Sullivan, Timothy,	400	2 88	7	5
1 acre Boynton land,	150	1 08	–	–
Smith, Ralph,	300	2 16	32	23
Stone, Nahum,	–	–	94	68
Smith, Henry A.,	–	–	7	5
Senior, Catherine,	1,800	12 96	–	–
Sullivan, Michael,	600	4 32	–	–
Smith, Ruth, estate of,	–	–	1,000	7 20
Stedman, Frank F.,	5,000	36 00	200	1 44
60 acres land,	3,000	21 60	–	–
12 " McIntosh lot,	900	6 48	–	–
30 " pasture,	700	5 04	–	–
Sanders, Thomas,	2,300	16 56	174	1 25
14 acres unimproved land,	400	2 88	–	–
Sullivan, Thomas,	1,000	7 20	25	18
TARBOX, James L.,	4,700	33 84	338	2 43
110 acres unimproved land,	1,600	11 52	–	–
Tucker, Nathaniel H.,	1,325	9 54	65	47
11 acres unimproved land,	275	1 98	–	–
17 " meadow and wood,	340	2 45	–	–
25 " Bacon estate,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Tucker, Ralph W.,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Tibbetts, William H.,	1,600	11 52	–	–
Town, Hosea,	–	–	214	1 54

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Timmens, Michael,	–	–	$0 07	$0 05
Trainer, Arthur,	$500	$3 60	25	18
2 acres land,	50	36	–	–
Turner, Edwin,	1,100	7 92	100	72
Tappan, Amelia,	1,500	10 80	–	–
Turner, John,	1,350	9 72	152	1 09
8 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
1 acre with small house,	140	1 01	–	–
4 acres meadow and sprout land,	100	72	–	–
Tenny, John, estate of,	2,000	14 40	–	–
Tenny, Phelina,	–	–	90	65
Thomas, Dandridge,	–	–	60	43
UPHAM, Cyrus G.,	–	–	139	1 00
Upham, Orville J.,	–	–	100	72
VARNEY, Henry P.,	1,600	11 52	–	–
WALES, Edward,	–	–	725	5 22
Winship, Daniel,	1,300	9 36	210	1 51
15 acres unimproved land,	700	5 04	–	–
1 acre meadow,	50	36	–	–
Williams, Silas G.,	3,400	24 48	525	3 78
21 acres improved land,	1,850	13 32	–	–
2¾ " " "	125	90	–	–
3 " " " Kingsbury,	200	1 44	–	–
Williams, Silas,	2,200	15 84	7	5
Whalen, Thomas,	–	–	25	18
Ware, Daniel,	1,700	12 24	100	72
Ware, Reuel, and estate, Dexter,	–	–	–	–
6 acres Kimball lot,	150	1 08	–	–
Ware, Reuel,	3,200	23 04	230	1 66
8 acres unimproved land,	600	4 32	–	–
10 " swamp,	225	1 62	–	–
Waters, William,	–	–	14	10
Winch, Dorcas,	–	–	1,920	13 82
Ware, Dexter, estate of,	6,000	43 20	3,155	22 72
6 acres Aspinwall lot,	75	54	–	–
6 " Father's lot,	400	2 88	–	–
1 acre P. Lyon lot,	75	54	–	–
1½ " improved land,	450	3 24	–	–
Small house and lot,	650	4 68	–	–
3 acres Garfield lot,	125	90	–	–
Wales & Mills, house and lot,	2,800	20 16	–	–
House and lot,	1,200	8 64	–	–
Blacksmith shop,	500	3 60	–	–
Mill and privilege,	16,000	115 20	–	–
Store and lot,	500	3 60	–	–
Wright, Joseph W.,	–	–	–	–
⅔ building Blanchard place,	1,700	12 24	1,050	7 56
Lot 7 Blanchard estate,	150	1 08	–	–
⅔ E. Fuller lot,	140	1 01	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Warren, Daniel,	$1,000	$7 20	$10	$0 07
Wood, Henry & Co.,	–	–	4,000	28 80
Webber, Aaron D.,	8,300	59 76	160	1 15
21 acres land,	1,300	9 36	–	–
1¾ " "	200	1 44	–	–
11¼ " Smith land,	600	4 32	–	–
Wood, Henry,	1,800	12 96	2,132	15 35
Stone barn,	1,000	7 20	–	–
Buildings and machinery,	600	4 32	–	–
Buildings, mill and privilege,	5,000	36 00	–	–
11 acres improved land,	450	3 24	–	–
20 " " "	800	5 76	–	–
Small house,	200	1 44	–	–
Slate-roofed house,	900	6 48	–	–
12 acres unimproved land,	600	4 32	–	–
7 " " "	250	1 80	–	–
7¾ " improved land,	450	3 24	–	–
⅜ acre " " and barn,	150	1 08	–	–
Daniel Morse land,	40	29	–	–
Dryer building,	400	2 88	–	–
Weston, Thomas P.,	–	–	600	4 32
Wakefield, Mary L.,	200	1 44	–	–
Watkins, John,	2,400	17 28	–	–
4 acres improved land,	125	90	–	–
Waidner, L. F.,	400	2 88	40	29
3 lots Bostonville land,	85	61	–	–
Wilder, Charles T.,	–	–	100	72
Ware, Reuben,	5,300	38 16	396	2 85
19 acres unimproved land,	1,000	7 20	–	–
New house and lot,	200	1 44	–	–
11 lots Colburn land,	2,030	14 62	–	–
White, John,	–	–	10	7
Wisner, John G.,	1,100	7 92	10	7
Whitton, Andrew S.,	1,600	11 52	31	22
23½ acres McCracken land,	800	5 76	–	–
Bostonville land,	35	25	–	–
Whitton, Julia,	–	–	1,887	13 59
Weston, Nathan,	2,225	16 02	100	72
10 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44	–	–
Webber, Henry,	1,200	8 64	60	43
Whitaker, E. K., Carter & Billings, trustees,	4,000	28 80	–	–
8 acres improved land,	1,200	8 64	5,710	41 11
4 " " "	1,000	7 20	–	–
1 acre land, grove,	300	2 16	–	–
1 " meadow land,	25	18	–	–
Wing, John A.,	2,400	17 28	600	4 32
12 acres unimproved land,	300	2 16	–	–
Wilson, Lucy L.,	–	–	1,000	7 20
Winch, Moses,	2,000	14 40	50	36
10 acres unimproved land,	350	2 52	–	–

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Ware, Reuben,	–	–	–	–
8 acres Pitcher swamp,	$50	$0 36	–	–
21 " Spruce swamp,	300	1 44	–	–
½ acre Ridge hill,	10	7	–	–
10 acres Pine swamp,	150	1 08	–	–
7 " Dewing lot,	175	1 26	–	–
Washburn, G. W. C.,	4,600	33 12	$214	$1 54
2 house lots,	200	1 44	–	–
Winch, Elizabeth D.,	–	–	500	3 60

LIST OF PERSONS

ASSESSED ONLY A POLL TAX.

ADAMS, Francis M.
Ambler, Luther C.
Ambler, Wm F.
Allen, James
Ashby, Francis
Alden, Charles O.
Avery, George
Ayres, Fisher
Adams, Andrew
Adams, Lowell W.

BOWERS, Henry
Brown, Timothy W.
Bullen, Charles A.
Barr, Henry L.
Batchelder, H. N.
Burgess, S. M.
Barry, Asa
Brown, Z. L.
Barr, Benjamin L.
Beless, Joseph
Beless, Samuel
Burns, James
Bowen, Henry C.
Bowers, E. H.
Burrill, Francis A.
Burns, Timothy
Bent, Phineas
Bowker, George R.
Bacon, Martin

COBB, George
Coulter, James
Coulter, John S.
Cahill, Andrew
Cahill, James
Cavnaugh, Daniel
Chamberlain, Newell
Caldwell, Thomas
Coolidge, Jonas W.
Coleman, Timothy
Cronin, Patrick
Carman, Daniel
Cary, William
Cheney, George
Colyer, Isaac
Crowley, Florence
Conlis, Mark
Costellow, Thomas
Colborn, John C
Cocklin, Michael
Colcord, Noah
Costellow, William
Chapman, J. E.
Colburn, Alfred

DEWING, George W.
Durbin, Isaac
Desmond, Dennis
Dumer, Andrew
Dewing, Charles H.
Durbin, John
Dobbs, Samuel J.
Daniel, Owen
Daniell, George K., Jr.
Daniell, M. Grant
Duggan, John
Desmond, Patrick

EATON, Everett J.
Eayrs, Wm. N.
Eastman, L. R.
Eayrs, Joseph N.
Everett, Oliver
Evans, John, 2d
Edes, Abial
Eaton, Henry P.

FELT, Jonathan
Fahy, James
Fessenden, William A.
Flagg, Samuel B.
Flannigan, Patrick
Flaherty, John J.
Forsyth, William
Forsyth, Hugh
Farnsworth, A. C.
Fuller, Ezra, Jr.
Fitsgerald, John
Ford, Bartholomew
Fisher, Allen
Ford, James
Foley, Thomas
Fuller, William
Fiske, Joseph E.

GREEN, James
Gilbert, John
Green, William B
Glancy, John
Gillow, John P.
Gould, Daniel F.
Gannon, James
Glennon, Patrick
Graney, George
Gibbons, William
Green, John
Gordon, Albert
Gibson, Edward
Gray, William H.
Garfield, John H.

HURD, William
Harris, Frederick L.
Hoogs, George W., Jr.
Hoogs, Joseph S.
Haley, Patrick,
Hill, Prince
Hemenway Elbridge
Hunting, Daniel
Hunting, Willard
Haley, Thomas
Hall, Henry B.
Herrick, George L.
Hill, William
Hill, William, Jr.
Hines, Charles A.
Hardy, Robert
Hurd, Stephen
Hurd, William E.
Hathaway, James E.
Hunting, Hanan
Hotchkins, John
Hurd, Henry H.
Hendee, Edward
Heustis, David P.
Hatch, Charles D.
Heustis, Joseph
Hinton, David
Hastings, Dana
Hanck, Francis T.

JOHNSON, Albert S.
Jenkins, William
Jones, Cyrus W.

Jones, William
Jones, M. Prince
Jenkins, E. C.
Jones, C. C.
Joy, Benjamin H.
Joy, Francis
Joy, Cyrus M.

Kennedy, Cornelius
Kingsbury, Hamilton E.
Knowles, William
Kiley, Patrick
Knight, E. P.
Knott, George
Kimball, Benjamin G.
Kilgore, George
Klein, John
Kalahar, Timothy
Kilgore, A. B.
Kelley, James
Knapp, Sumner
Kelley, Michael
Knapp, Alvin P.
Knapp, Cyrus W.
Knapp, William H.
Keith, David

Leyitt, Charles W.
Lanahan, Timothy
Leland, Joseph
Leach, Patrick
Lee, John
Lee, Mark
Leach, Thomas
Lord, Isaac
Leland, Charles
Livingston, John

Merrow, John
Mansfield, William B.
Morse, George
Morse, William W.
Morton, James
Moore, Roswell
McCracken, James
Moran, Patrick
Marrs, Dana F.
McCutcheon, Samuel
Morse, Manson
McLeod, Hugh
Moran, Michael
Mann, Gustavus H.
Meagher, John
McCarty, Charles
McIntosh, E. D.
Morse, Leonard F.
Mariner, Jacob
McLane, John
Morton, C. W.

McNamara, Patrick
Moody, Hiram
McGowan, Thomas
McIntosh, Curtis
McLaughlin, Patrick
Monsey, Charles W.
Mills, Ezra F.
McSoley, John
Marchant, William J.
Murray, Murt
McMahan, Peter
Mitchell, John
Murray, Michael G.
Moody, Prince L.
McNamaraw, Patrick
McGrain, Patrick
McGrath, John
McLane, William
Moran, Andrew
Murphy, William
McDonah, Martin
Morse, Reuben

Noonan, Michael
Noyes, Charles
Nickerson, Albert
Norcross, Willard C.

O'Brien, Patrick
O'Connell, Timothy
Owens, Patrick
O'Brien, Cornelius
O'Brien, John
O'Neil, Hugh
Oaks, Laborious
Oaks, John

Pierce, Asa R.
Pero, Alfred
Pettee, Charles A.
Pearson, Thomas
Phillips, Freeman

Regan, Jerry
Russell, George A.
Reardon, John
Ricker, George A.
Reading, William
Ryan, William
Rimmele, William J.
Rimmele, Edward
Reynolds, O. B.

Sullivan, John
Sullivan, John, 2d
Stone, Daniel J.
Sullivan, Murty
Sullivan, William
Smith, Thomas L.

Sweeney, John
Sanders, Hiram,
Small, R. G.
Snow, Joseph
Strout, George
Strout, James F.
Smith, Wallace
Stewart, William
Slack, John W.
Stevens, Herbert
Sargent, George
Sacks, Frederick
Sawyer, William O.
Sutton, James
Smith, Robert
Smith, Thomas
Sawyer, Anthony
Spian, Morris
Sears, J. L.
Stanwood, E. H.
Sargent, J. R.
Sumner, Samuel C.

Turner, George
Townsend, R. A.
Thayer, Calvin
Tucker, Nathaniel L.
Tucker, Enos H.
Thompson, John
Truesdell, Charles
Taylor, Samuel C.
Trueworthy, Jacob
Tobin, James

Wyman, Greenleaf
Whitaker, William R.
Woodcock, Elijah
White, Charles, Jr.
Whalen, John
Willard, F. A.
Winterhalter, Emerich,
Willcutt, William
Winship, Francis
White, Robert
Ware, George D.
Wales, Nathaniel, Jr.
Ware, William S.
Wright, S. G.
Wakefield, John
Wood, George H.
Williams, Andrew
Winch, Martin
Wright, James T.
Wheeler, S. H.
Withington, C. P.
Waite, Peter
Webber, S. Gilbert

Zink, Barnard

NON-RESIDENTS.

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
ANDERSON & DAVENPORT, 9 acres Bond lot,	$675	$4 86
Allen, Andrew J.,	8,600	61 92
39 acres unimproved land,	3,200	23 04
New house and lot,	300	2 16
McCracken house,	400	2 88
Seth Lyon place,	500	3 60
1 acre Tenny land,	300	2 16
Adams, Paul, 10 lots Stone land,	730	5 26
Abbott, Charles F., Paine land, lot 178,	25	18
Atwood, Benjamin F., ½ lot Kingsbury land,	15	11
Aldrich, Van R., 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Adams, West, estate of, 2 lots Kingsbury land,	41	30
Ayer, Samuel,	1,700	12 24
Abbott, Julian, mortgagee, 2 lots Paine land,	36	26
Appleton Bank, mortgagee, 2 lots Holman land,	90	65
BARKER, George K., meadow,	300	2 16
Brookline First Parish, 18½ acres land,	350	2 52
Bacall, Wm. K. and Woodward B., 1 lot Blanchard land,	150	1 08
Blanchard, William E., Batchelder land,	500	3 60
Bean, R. H., 1 lot Paine land,	15	11
Brown, Jeremiah, 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Brown, Lebbeus Jr., 3 lots Bostonville land,	53	39
Bell, T. F., 1 lot Paine land,	18	13
Barnard, Henry, ½ lot Kingsbury land,	16	12
Buerch, Charles F., ½ lot Kingsbury land,	19	13
Bent, R. H., 1 lot Blanchard land,	50	36
Bent, R. H., and Nichols, Lucy R., 11 lots Stone land,	1,100	7 92
Baker, James L., Dana land,	1,000	7 20
Bacon, Rufus F.,	25	18
Barney, Joseph, Hurd land,	75	54
Brooks, P. C. Jr., administrator, 28 acres land,	2,800	20 16
Beckler, Charles M. & Co., 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Blake, Francis,	3,300	23 76
Wells house and lot,	2,000	14 40
Small house and lot,	550	3 96
Beck, Adam, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	15	11
Blanchard, John S., 9 acres Kingsbury land,	190	137
Boston & Worcester Railroad Corp. ($40 per—$0.29),	9,700	69 84
Bracket, Charles, Woods pasture,	300	2 16
Pine swamp,	400	2 88
Jesse Fuller lot,	150	1 08
Bagley, Michael, 2 acres land,	300	2 16
Baker, Jabez, 15 acres land,	350	2 52
Baker, George W., 12 acres land,	480	3 46

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Boston, City of, 14½ acres Stevens land,	$700	$5 04
16½ acres Roy land,	800	5 76
6 " Mansfield land,	400	2 88
1¼ " Loomis land,	100	72
2½ " Morse land,	200	1 44
1 acre Stone land,	200	1 44
½ " Dix land,	150	1 08
4¾ acres Ferris land,	500	3 60
¼ acre Allen land,	150	1 08
11¾ acres Slack land,	1,600	11 52
8½ " W. Needham land,	500	3 60
Bradford, Duncan, 15 acres Stevens land,	1,000	7 20
Bauer, John L., ($196 personal—$1.41,)	400	2 88
6 acres meadow,	100	72
4 " Dodge & Hodges,	200	1 44
Battelle, Lydia, 8 acres meadow,	200	1 44
Bullough, John, heirs of, 8 acres Pine swamp,	75	54
Butts, William D., estate of, A. Williams land,	150	1 08
Brown, T. L.,	1,800	12 96
Battelle, Mary, house lot,	300	2 16
Russell lot,	400	2 88
River lot,	75	54
Barden Frederick, ¾ acre meadow,	30	22
Bubier, John, estate of, 10 acres land,	300	2 16
Baker, Dexter, 2½ acres land,	50	36
CURRANT, Anthony, heirs of, 20 acres land,	600	4 32
Colburn, Mary, 11 acres land,	1,400	10 08
Carey, Wm. A.,	2,250	16 20
Craft, Moses, 4 acres land,	50	36
Chase, Daniel N., 6 acres land,	375	2 70
Curtis, Joseph, heirs of, 6 acres land,	300	2 16
Clark, Rufus W.,	1,900	13 68
Cousins, Seth, Jr., house lot,	100	72
Cousins, Joseph E., house lot,	100	72
Collins, Amasa,	1,100	7 92
5 acres sprout land,	75	54
Carpenter, Mary, 2½ acres land,	50	36
Chapman, O. S., & Co., ($8,200 personal—$59.04,)	–	–
Collins, E. J., Pettee land,	1,300	9 36
Carter, Josiah H., Boynton place,	1,900	13 68
Cahill lot,	350	2 52
House lot,	100	72
7 acres land,	200	1 44
15 " Pond Field,	225	1 62
Conners, Michael, house lot,	150	1 08
Collins, F. A., 8 acres land,	175	1 20
Cohn, Moses, 1 acre land,	40	29
Crehore, Lemuel, ($1,000 per.—$7.20,) Bartlett land,	250	1 80
Shop and land,	300	2 16
Machine shop and machinery,	6,000	43 20
E. & Moulton wood shop,	700	5 04

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Coolidge, Thomas, 9 acres land,	$200	$1 44
Caswell, Asa,	500	3 60
Curtis, Allen C., ($3,000 per.—$21.60,) mill and privilege, and land,	20,300	146 16
Collins, F. A., 65 acres land,	1,625	11 70
6 acres land,	90	65
Coolidge, John, 10 acres land,	750	5 40
Campbell, A. R., 4 lots Blanchard land,	250	1 80
Chism, Almira, 5 lots Kingsbury land,	134	96
Curtin, Jeremiah, 2 lots Paine land,	47	34
Corman, Jacob, 1 lot Bostonville land,	20	14
Cole, J. F. A., 2 lots Bostonville land,	78	56
Cullen, George, 1 lot Bostonville land,	40	29
Cloutman, John S., 2 lots Blanchard land,	32	23
Cook, Benjamin, 3 acres Mogus Hill land,	100	72
Coe, John, 2 acres land,	300	2 16
Crosby, William, 6 acres land,	900	6 48
Campbell, Robert, 3 acres meadow land,	150	1 08
Coolidge, Jonas,	1,500	10 80
13 acres unimproved land,	300	2 52
Converse, Joshua, mortgagee, 9 lots Paine land,	183	1 31
Curtain, Abby Ann, 7 lots Bostonville land,	96	71
Crosby, Darius,	800	5 76
Conant, Marshall,	2,500	18 00
4 lots Holman land,	198	1 43
3 acres Hurd land,	250	1 80
Carleton, Guy,	2,000	14 40
12 acres unimproved land,	200	1 44
Cooper, David G., 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
Cooper, Hugh and William,	1,200	8 64
1 lot Paine land,	50	36
Clark & Barnard, ($800 personal—$5.76,)	–	–
Day, Ralph, Allen, Aug. and Maria, 40 acres land,	800	5 76
Davis, John H., 3 lots Paine land,	90	64
Duclois, Zem., 1 lot Paine land,	6	4
Dejean, Eugene, 2 lots Kingsbury land,	60	44
Dana, Charles B.,	7,000	50 40
13 acres unimproved land,	1,000	7 20
1¼ " Ware "	200	1 44
1¾ " " "	175	1 26
20 " Fuller "	1,000	7 20
3 " Brown "	200	1 44
11½ " Flagg "	1,400	10 08
Dewerson, H. S. & N.,	3,085	22 22
Davis, Seth, 2 lots Kingsbury land,	100	72
Durant, Henry F., ($457 personal—$3.29,)	5,700	41 04
60 acres unimproved land,	3,600	25 92
19 " E. Smith "	2,000	14 40
¾ acre City of Boston land,	100	72
New house,	300	2 16
Dyer, Samuel N., 1 acre City of Boston land,	150	1 08

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Damon, John W.,	$2,000	$14 40
Dunn, R. B., 2 house lots,	200	1 44
Dewing, Francis, 5 acres land,	150	1 08
Daley, Michael, ($40 personal—$0.29.) Carter land,	700	5 04
Ellis, David, heirs of, buildings, machinery, privilege, and land,	7,300	52 56
Everett, Joseph C., 4 acres land,	200	1 44
Ely, Alfred B.,	4,500	32 40
Elliott, Mary S., 7 lots Paine land,	80	57
Elliott, Gustavus, 18 lots Bostonville land,	305	2 21
Eames, Moses, ⅔ acre land,	50	36
Emerson, R. M., 6 acres Foster land,	400	2 88
Everett, Edward, 8 lots Blanchard land,	143	1 04
Forsyth, William, 8 acres land,	175	1 26
Ferris, J. A., 4 lots Ware land,	325	2 34
Fisher, George, 2 lots Kingsbury land,	60	44
Fairbanks, J. L., ($35 personal—$0.25),	3,500	25 20
Fuller, Solomon, 4 acres land,	150	1 08
Freeman, Whipple, 5¼ acres land,	350	2 52
Frost, Charles, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	35	25
Felton, Horace,	650	4 68
17 acres land,	500	3 60
Fries, Henry D. C.,	900	6 48
32 acres land,	950	6 84
Fisher, Freeman, and others, 6 acres land,	200	1 44
2½ acres Newell land,	75	54
Felton, Charles, 4½ acres Wood land,	150	1 08
French, J. E., I. M. and M. A., 13 acres land,	550	3 96
Fuller, Stephen P., 100 acres land,	1,600	11 52
Fuller, S. F., mortgagee, 14 acres land,	475	3 42
Ford, Bartholomew, 8 acres land,	600	4 32
Fuller, Ezra, 9 acres land,	250	1 80
Goss & Munson, ($8,000 pers'l—$57.60.) 19½ acres land,	2,500	18 00
Grover, Simeon,	1,150	8 28
Gay, F. A. W., 24 acres land,	475	3 42
Glancy, William, 38½ acres land,	1,700	12 24
Goodrich, Jesse W., estate of, 2 lots Paine land,	35	25
Goulding, John A., 66½ acres land,	1,000	7 20
Greenwood, Artemas, 5 acres land,	200	1 44
Gilbert, Lemuel, 1 lot Blanchard land,	50	36
Granite Company, 4 lots Blanchard land,	66	49
Gladstone, R. G., 1 lot Paine land,	40	29
Greer, John, 4 lots Bostonville land,	205	1 48
Guild, Nath. T., 1 lot land,	250	1 80
Greer, Robert, house, and 2 lots Holman land,	500	3 60
Heintz, John, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	25	18
Hill, Eli, 1 lot Blanchard land,	35	25
Hardy, B. T., 1 lot Blanchard land,	45	32

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Hayden, J. C. & W. A., 29 acres land,	$1,450	$10 44
Harrington, John W., 20 acres land,	350	2 52
Haven, Curtis, 5 acres land,	350	2 52
Hurd, Leonard, 2 acres land,	75	54
10 acres land,	450	3 24
Hunting, Martin, 2¾ acres land,	175	1 26
Hodges, Leonard, mortgagee,	2,400	17 28
Hunnewell, H. H., ($1,316 personal.—$9.48,)	28,000	201 60
Sargent buildings and land,	8,600	61 92
New house,	1,200	8 64
Kimball place,	4,500	32 40
5 acres land,	400	2 88
Horan, Timothy, 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
Homes, George, 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
Hatch, E. B., 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Hastings, Benjamin, 1 lot Holman land,	35	25
1 lot Kingsbury land,	15	11
Hamilton, Merritt, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	20	14
Haynes, Charles,	1,000	7 20
Hanna, Thomas, Clark land,	450	3 24
Harmon, Thomas, administrator, 7 acres land,	100	72
Holman, R. W., 36 lots Holman land,	1,685	12 10
Haley, John, 5 acres land,	500	3 60
Hartigan, Patrick, 4 acres land,	300	2 16
Hoyt, Sarah B. K., 14½ acres land,	850	6 12
Hammond, E. A., French place,	4,500	32 40
Heath, Charles, 30 acres land,	500	3 60
Hollis, John L., house lot,	125	90
Hall, David, 18 acres land,	375	2 70
Hazlitt, William, heirs of, 6 acres land,	250	1 80
Hovey, Ebenezer,	1,400	10 08
Holt, Albert,	1,200	8 64
H. H. Hunnewell, and others, trustees, mill privilege,	4,000	28 80
Store building with Ambler House,	1,200	8 64
Jones, Francis,	825	5 94
Jenkins, Solon, 1 lot Holman land,	18	13
Josselyn, G. E., 1 lot Kingsbury land,	15	11
Jenness, Woodbury, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	25	18
Johnson, John, 6 lots Paine land,	114	82
Jones, Vaughn, ($500 personal $3.60,)	–	–
Jenkins, William H., 2 lots Kingsbury land,	30	22
Kent, Henry A., 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Kendall, J. G., 2 lots Bostonville land,	35	25
Knight, S. & E.,	2,900	20 88
Kingsbury, George,	100	72
Kimball, H. C., house lot,	50	36
Kimball, Moses, Orr Land,	300	2 16
Kelley, Hugh, Shepard Land,	300	2 16
Kramer, George A.,	1,850	13 32

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Lyon, Joshua B., 40 acres land,	$1,000	$7 20
Lovewell, Samuel, 16 " "	400	2 88
Leonard, Sabina, 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
Leadbetter, C. M., 31 acres land,	1,000	7 20
Leverett, Daniel, 2 lots Blanchard land,	85	61
Locke, Wm. B., 8 acres meadow,	300	2 16
Lovewell, Isaac, estate of, 2½ acres land,	50	36
Ladd & Hall, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	34	24
Loomis, J. B., 4 lots Blanchard land,	436	3 14
Murphy, Jeremiah, 1 lot Blanchard land,	100	72
Maxwell, Catherine,	1,300	9 36
10 acres land,	1,100	7 92
Mills, Isaac B., 1 lot Paine land,	25	18
Marrs, John N., 2 lots Bostonville land,	36	26
Merriam, George D., 3 lots Bostonville land,	46	34
Morrill, Frank E., 1 lot Bostonville land,	15	11
Manahan, John F., and others, mort., 1 lot Kingsbury land,	45	32
Murdock, Wm. C., ($175 pers'l—$1.26,) 1¼ acres land,	600	4 32
McMahan, Philip, 32 acres Mansfield land,	725	5 22
Mann, Daniel, estate of,	1,000	7 20
Peirce meadow,	500	3 60
McIntosh land,	200	1 44
Murphy, Patrick and Jerry, 5 acres land,	500	3 60
Morey, George, trustee, 14 acres land,	250	1 80
Mills, Dexter T.,	700	5 04
14½ acres land,	500	3 60
17 " parish,	500	3 60
4 " meadow,	75	54
McIntosh, Michael, 20 acres land,	400	2 88
Morse, Leonard, heirs of, 19 acres land,	575	4 14
Mills, Rufus, Esther Mills land,	50	36
McDaniels, Edward, 1 acre land,	150	1 08
Mann, Daniel F., Newell place,	750	5 40
Mills, Martha, and Pray, E. A., meadow,	120	86
Mills, Newton, 5 acres land,	300	2 16
McFarlane, Wm. A.,	2,400	17 28
Newell, Benj., 13 acres land,	1,000	7 20
Newell, Josiah, estate of,	1,000	7 20
Nutter, Sarah H.,	1,400	10 08
Newell, Joseph A.,	1,700	12 24
30 acres unimproved land,	750	5 40
7 " Dug Hill "	200	1 44
2½ " Fisher "	75	54
1½ " land,	75	54
8 " Battelle land,	600	4 02
24 " Draper "	500	3 60
New York & Boston R. R. Co.,	2,300	16 56
Newton, George, 2 lots Paine land,	38	27
Newton, Leonard, 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
N. E. Loan and Fund Association,	325	2 34

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Osmore, Charles L.,	$900	$6 48
O'Brine, John,	640	4 61
Offley, Greensburg W., 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Osgood, Isaac, Stevens land,	600	4 32
Otis, James, heirs of, 21½ acres land,	600	4 32
O'Brine, James,	800	5 76
Pettee, Simon, heirs of, house lot,	50	36
Perry, Elijah, 3 acres land,	150	1 08
Peirce, Eunice, 9 acres land,	400	2 88
Post, Barbara,	2,330	16 77
Payson, Samuel R., ($250 personal—$1.80,)	11,250	81 00
77 acres unimproved land,	2,150	15 48
10 " "	150	1 08
Reynolds place,	2,100	15 12
28 acres unimproved land,	925	6 66
10 " McIntosh lot,	200	1 44
3½ " Knapp land,	600	4 32
Page, Taylor,	1,800	12 96
Pettengill, S. M., 2¼ acres land,	400	2 88
Perry, John J., ($800 personal—$5.76,)	–	–
Paine, David, Winch land,	400	2 88
Morse land,	400	2 88
Pettee, Charles F., 20 acres land,	800	5 76
Perkins, H. J., 1 lot Holman land,	50	36
Proctor, Abel, 5 lots Blanchard land,	288	2 07
Price, J. H., 1 lot Paine land,	12	9
Parker, Sarah,	1,600	11 52
Parkhurst, N. R., 16 lots Bostonville land,	478	3 44
Riggs, Jackson, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	16	12
Rowe, Thomas H., 2 lots Paine land,	32	23
Rice, Thomas, estate of, 11 acres land,	400	2 88
Rice, Thomas, mill privilege and machinery, ($4,000 personal—$28.80,)	20,000	144 00
Rice & Garfield, mill privilege and machinery, ($1,500 personal—$10.80,)	16,000	115 20
Reed, Daniel, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	20	14
Ryder, J. and C. C., 1 lot Kingsbury land,	18	13
Richardson & Eastham, 1 lot Blanchard land,	75	54
Robb, Oliver M., 1 acre land,	200	1 44
Reed, John, 1 lot Paine land,	45	32
Ring, Asa T., 16 lots Bostonville land,	368	2 65
Robbins, Chandler, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	15	11
Richardson, D. S., mortgagee, buildings and 18 lots Bostonville land,	1,807	13 03
Richards, Betsey, 50 acres land,	1,400	10 08
Raymond, L. S.,	700	5 04
Richards, Luther, 2 acres land,	40	29
Richards, Calvin, 4 acres meadow,	150	1 08
Ruggles, Creighton, Jr., 1 acre land,	200	1 44
Rice, Marshall S.,	3,400	24 48

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Richards, J. F., heirs of, 57 acres land,	$1,700	$12 24
15 acres Fuller land,	400	2 88
6 " near Gay place,	125	90
Rundlett, T. M., mortgagee,	2,600	18 72
Slack, Robert F., heirs of, 18 acres land,	550	3 96
Sargent, Charles, house lot,	160	1 15
Stearns, Charles,	475	3 42
Sohier, William D., 10 acres meadow,	100	72
Stone, Stephen C., 5 acres Brooks place,	250	1 80
20 acres Brooks place,	400	2 88
16 " Gay place,	675	4 81
45 " Gay place,	700	5 04
Safford, Henry, 3 lots Holman land,	170	1 22
Sanford, A. W., mortgagee, 2 acres land,	500	3 60
Spalding, Stephen H., 8 acres land,	200	1 44
Seaverns, Abijah, heirs of, 20 acres land,	350	2 52
Seaverns, Samuel, 14 acres land,	750	5 40
Sargent, John S. and H., 49 acres land,	3,600	25 92
Slack, Ruggles, estate of, 10 acres land,	700	5 04
Sewall, Thomas R., 13 acres land,	250	1 80
Stevens, Otis, estate of, 62 acres land,	1,300	9 36
Slack, Robert F., estate of, 35 acres land,	1,400	10 08
32 acres land,	650	4 68
39 " Wells & Flagg land,	1,175	8 46
51 " Stevens & Lovewell,	700	5 04
17 " North hill,	425	3 06
33 " Hundreds,	825	5 94
Smith, Dolly Mrs., 1½ acres land,	25	18
Sumner, Merrick P., 2 lots Holman land,	31	22
Scofield, Edward, 1 lot Paine land,	20	14
Strocker, J. Henry, 4 lots Kingsbury land,	810	5 84
Sargent, William P., 2 lots Holman land,	100	72
Southwick, Joseph, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	25	18
Souchard, Jules,	5,250	37 80
Smith, Luther, and others,	200	1 44
Stone, P. R. L.,	1,100	7 92
Smith, Larkin, 16 lots Paine land,	288	2 08
Townsend, C. F.,	2,850	20 52
Tenny, Leonard,	3,500	25 20
Thaxter, Levi, estate of, 10 acres land,	550	3 96
Taylor, Hannah P., 1 lot Paine land,	36	26
Tenny, Simon, estate of, 1 lot Blanchard land,	75	54
Tirrell, Artemas, 2 lots Blanchard land,	160	1 15
Taylor, Henry, 1 lot Blanchard land,	100	72
Thornton, John B., 2 lots Bostonville land,	79	56
Thurston, Joseph, estate of, 1 lot Paine land,	32	23
Turner, Margaret, 1 lot Holman land,	40	29
Tucker, James, ($200 personal—$1.44,)	–	–
Tolman, John B., 2 lots land,	275	1 98
Twitchell, Stillman, mortgagee,	300	2 16

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
UMBEHAND, John, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	$12	$0 09
Upham & Durham, ½ lot Blanchard land,	8	6
WALTHAM Loan & Fund Association,	1,500	10 80
Wyman, Daniel, 5 acres land,	100	72
Wheeler, Loring, 9 acres land,	450	3 24
Wight, Daniel, 2¾ acres meadow,	250	1 80
Winchester, Amasa, 144 acres land,	4,300	30 96
Wadsworth, Benjamin, 2 lots Paine land,	48	35
Woodcock, George S., 1 lot Paine land,	25	18
Wood, George W., 1 lot Paine land,	25	18
Warren, Joseph M., estate of, 1 lot Holman land,	50	36
Ware, D. N.,	500	3 60
4½ acres land,	100	72
Weinz, Jacob, 1 lot Kingsbury land,	12	9
Wright, John S., 8¼ acres land,	650	4 68
Welles, Susan and Jane,	14,500	104 40
31 acres on King road,	1,000	7 20
15 " Train hill,	800	5 76
18 " Smith and Parker,	1,200	8 64
2½ " Griggs lot,	100	72
¾ acre Thompson,	100	72
Woodward & Griggs, 2 lots Ware land,	150	1 08
Woodworth, Arad, 3d, 2 lots Ware land,	250	1 80
Warden, William R., ½ lot Blanchard land,	8	6
Washburn, Nathan, 9 lots Bostonville land,	325	2 34
Wendell, Jacob,	7,500	54 00
Winslow, E., 18 acres land,	1,500	10 80
Winslow, Jesse, 10 acres land,	400	2 88
Winchester, Amasa, 41 acres land,	3,600	25 92
Whitton, John, 9 acres land,	225	1 62
Watson, Martha, heirs of,	600	4 32
Whittemore, John, 8 acres land,	200	1 44
Wilson, Ephraim, 4 acres land,	75	54
Wason, James W., house lot and 30 acres land,	860	6 19
Webster, Amos,	2,000	14 40
Wright, Sarah,	400	2 88
Walker, Henry W.,	3,000	21 60
New house,	1,500	10 80
8 acres land,	550	3 96

REPORT

—OF THE—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

February 15th, 1862.

NATICK:
PRESS OF G. W. RYDER & Co.
1862.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Treasurer's Account.

SOLOMON FLAGG, Treasurer in account with the Town of Needham, from Feb. 15th, 1861, to Feb. 15th, 1862.

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To Balance Cash on hand Feb. 15th, 1861,	$139 16
Cash received from the estate of Thomas Kingsbury Esq., Deceased,	20 30
Cash received of Lauren Kingsbury, on Treasurer's Note,	450 00
Cash received of Nathaniel Clark, on Treasurer's Note,	1,000 00
Cash received of Newton Bank, on Treasurer's Note,	979 67
Cash received of H. H. Hunnewell, on Treasurer's Note,	974 50
Cash received of State Treasurer as School Fund,	109 40
Cash received of Newton Bank on Treasurer's Note,	298 45
Cash received of George Jennings for an Auctioneer's License,	2 00
Cash received of the Town of Newton, for assistance rendered Mrs. Marston,	14 96
Cash received of the Town of Brookline, for assistance rendered Mrs. E. Prouty,	21 20
Cash received of George E. Eaton, for a Auctioneer's License,	2 00
Cash received of the Town of West Roxbury, for assistance rendered Lemuel Baker,	32 50
Cash received of George Jennings, Collector of Taxes for A. D. 1861,	12,783 36
Cash received of Solomon Flagg, Town Clerk for Licensing and registering dogs,	63 40
Cash received of Dexter Kingsbury, Liquor Agent, in full to Feb. 15th, 1862.	150 74
	$17,041 64

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By Cash paid C. C. Greenwood, note and interest,	$55 50
Cash paid Lauren Kingsbury, note and interest,	460 12
Cash paid Newton Bank,	1,000 00
Cash paid Newton Bank,	300 00
Cash paid H. H. Hunnewell,	1,000 00
Cash paid Nathaniel Clark, note and interest,	1,048 83
Cash paid for orders drawn during the year,	12,422 13
Balance in hands of Treasurer, February 15th, 1862.	755 06
	$17,041 64

The Committee find the above account correct and properly vouched.

GALEN ORR,
SILAS G. WILLIAMS, } Selectmen.
AUGUSTUS STEVENS.

The Treasurer has paid during the year, by orders of Selectmen and Assessors as follows.—

Support of Schools.

Great Plain School. *Two Departments.*

George G. Stevens, for taking care School House, 5 feet pine wood, 3 brooms.	$12 30
E. H. Chickering, services as teacher 15 weeks	82 50
Adeline M. Eaton, " " "	75 00
Adeline M. Eaton, " " 10 "	55 00
George G. Stevens, 6 cords of wood, sawing and spliting same.	35 50
brooms, pails and dippers,	83
cleaning school house and taking care of same,	5 00
furnishing water $2 00, repairs, 55c.,	2 55
Adeline M. Eaton, services as teacher 10 weeks,	55 00
E. H. Chickering, services as teacher 20 weeks,	120 00
	$443 68

Grantville School.

Alvin Fuller, making fires, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	$6 67
cleaning school-house,	1 00
Charlotte M. Sawyer, services as teacher, 15 weeks,	75 00
one box of crayons,	50
services as teacher, 10 weeks,	55 00
one box of crayons,	25
services as teacher, 10 weeks,	55 00
1 box of crayons, 25c., bottle of ink, 37c.	62
Alvin Fuller, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	5 00
1 broom,	30
S. G. Williams, 3 tons of coal,	19 50
	$218 74

North School. *Two Departments.*

Ebenezer Smith, sawing, splitting and piling wood,	$3 50
Hezekiah Fuller, brooms, coal sifter and crayons,	1 90
M. B. Goddard, services as teacher, 15 weeks,	75 00
John S. Hastings, building fires, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	12 00
S. G. Williams, 1000 lbs. of coal,	3 50
1 ton of coal,	6 50
S. H. Southwick, services as teacher, 20 weeks,	120 00
M. B. Goddard, " " 20 "	110 00
S. G. Williams, 5 tons of coal,	32 50
G. W. Mason, services as teacher, 3 3-4 months,	157 50
John Bancroft, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	6 00
Eben. Clapp, 1-2 ream of blanks,	3 00
brushes and crayons,	7 84
Hezekiah Fuller, sawing and splitting wood, coal hod and crayons,	3 94
S. H. Southwick, chalk, bell and ink.	3 24
	$546 62

West School. *Two Departments.*

Eugene Hathaway, making fires and sweeping,	$6 00
Eliza J. Knapp, services as teacher, 15 weeks,	75 00
C. A. Johnson, services as teacher 3 3-4 months,	157 50
black board brushes, $1 00, ink and chalk, 79c.	1 79
Eliza J. Knapp, services as teacher, 20 weeks,	110 00
Elizabeth Perry services as teacher, 20 weeks,	120 00
Solomon Flagg, 5 cords of wood,	26 00
sawing, splitting and piling 5 cords of wood,	7 50
2 bells $1 00, cleaning school-house $2.,	3 00
brooms, chalk, dippers and pails,	2 17
Eugene Hathaway, making fires and sweeping,	3 50
	$512 46

North West School.

Saul S. Seagrave, making fires, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	$3 88
Jane F. Flagg, services as teacher, 15 weeks,	75 00
Ellen A William services as teacher, 20 weeks,	100 00
Saul S. Seagrave cleaning school-house,	2 00
3 1-4 feet of wood, sawing and splitting the same,	2 20
3 1-2 cords oak wood, 1-2 cord pine,	19 50
sawing, splitting and piling 4 cords of wood,	5 00
sweeping and taking care of school-house,	3 00
S. G. Williams, cash paid for ink and crayons,	77
	$211 35

Centre School. *Two Departments.*

James McIntosh, 5 1-8 cords of wood,	$28 62
tickets of measurement,	30
A. E. Hofses, services as teacher, 15 weeks,	75 00
Edwin F. Palmer, services as teacher 3 3-4 months,	157 50
Amount carried forward.	$261 42

Amount brought forward,	$261 42
William J. Marchant, 12 black board brushes,	6 00
E. A. Hofses, services as Teacher, 20 weeks,	110 00
Benjamin G. Kimball, taking care of school.house,	2 50
sawing, splitting and piling 5 cords of wood,	5 00
taking care of school-house winter terms 60 & 61,	6 00
James McIntosh, 5 1-4 cords of wood,	27 48
Galen Orr, 2 brooms,	59
	$418 99

South School.

James L. Tarbox, 5 cords of wood, sawing, splitting and piling the same,	$28 50
Samuel F. Wight services as teacher, 1 1-4 month,	52 50
John Whitmarsh, making fires and sweeping house,	4 00
Henrietta Stevens, services as teacher 20 weeks,	110 00
James L. Tarbox, cords of wood, sawing, splitting and piling,	16 50
sweeping school-house,	2 50
Leonard F. Morse, services as teacher, 2 months, crayons 30c.	80 30
	$294 30

East School.

A. G. Longfellow, services as teacher, 3 1-4 months,	$157 50
making fires, sweeping, 1 box of crayons,	4 20
Reuben Hurd, 2 cords of oak wood,	12 50
9 feet of pine wood,	5 94
taking care of school-house and furnishing water,	5 00
sawing, splitting and piling 3 1-8 cords of wood,	3 19
cleaning house $2. brooms, 50c., dippers 40c.,	2 90
Jane Flagg, services as teacher, 20 weeks,	110 00
sweeping school-house.	1 50
	$302 73

Building and Repairing Roads and Bridges.

John A. Wing, in part payment for labor on South Road, as per order of Selectmen in 1860.	$75 00
Henry Webber, repairs on 2 large plows, for the use of the Highways,	2 50
Lauren Kingsbury, in part payment for labor on Kendrick's Bridge Road.	200 00
George E. Eaton, for carting lumber for Kendrick's Bridge,	1 00
Frederick Marchant, for 633 feet lumber furnished for Bridges,	9 50
Galen Orr, for carting plank, nails and spikes, and labor on bridge at Long Causeway,	3 95
Michael Fitzgerald, for ironing road scrapers,	11 30
Augustus Stevens, for labor on Highways,	80 00
A. A. Fisher, for labor on Highways,	4 85
S. G. Williams, for labor on Highways,	100 00
John A. Wing, for labor on South road, by order of County Commissioners and Selectmen,	65 86
John M. Joy, for 91 loads of gravel, used on Highway in North District,	5 46
John Kibler, for 184 loads of gravel for Great Plain Highway District,	9 20
30 hours labor on Highways,	3 75
William Fuller, for 39 hours labor on Highways,	4 87
John A. Libby, for labor on Highways, and guide board posts,	47 84
Boston & Worcester R. Road Co., for 340 yards of gravel used on Highway near West Meeting House in 1860.	42 50
Augustus Stevens, for labor on Highways,	165 75
Charles McIntosh for labor on Highways,	60 00
Galen Orr, for labor on Highways,	59 69
John Puleifer, for wood work for road, scraper and painting the same.	5 00
Lauren Kingsbury, for labor on road leading to Kendrick's Bridge, and furnishing lumber for railing and putting up the same,	80 00
Emery Fisk, for 150 yards of rubble for Highways,	18 75
Augustus Stevens, for labor on culvert near the house of Lydia Fisher.	4 25
S. G. Williams, for labor, posts and spikes for railing,	49 40
Amount carried forward.	$1,110 42

Amount brought forward,	$1,110 42
S. G. Williams, for labor on Highways,	140 00
Charles Rice Jr., for lumber furnished for railing and repairing bridges,	37 05
for 3213 feet of spruce plank for bridges,	41 98
Augustus Stevens, for labor on highways,	30 00
Alfred Colburn, for 403 loads of gravel for highways,	12 09
Leonard Smith, for labor on highways,	157 70
J. L. Tarbox, for labor making road near R. R. crossing, at Charles River Village,	67 12
Joseph Richards, for labor on Highways,	7 50
S. G. Williams, for labor on Highways,	81 68
John A. Wing, for labor on South Road as laid out by the County Commissioners,	228 00
Augustus Stevens, for labor on Highways,	150 00
Charles McIntosh, for labor on Highways,	54 74
T. N. Smith, for labor and materials furnished on Neck Bridge,	9 01
Galen Orr, for labor on Highways, for labor,	7 37
posts, joist and nails, for railing on Highways,	21 81
Lauren Kingsbury, for labor on Highways,	151 75
Charles Rice, Jr., for lumber used for railings and bridges,	19 93
S. G. Williams, for drain pipe for culvert at West Needham,	12 88
for labor on Highways,	5 87
Augustus Stevens, for labor on Highways,	41 25
Jonathan Avery, for alteration in drive-way, on Kendrick's Bridge road, and making the same,	10 00
J. L. Tarbox, for labor on Highways,	23 74
William Jones, for blasting out rocks on Upper South Highway District, as per agreement made with Selectmen in 1860.	106 75
John Henderson, for removing stones, and graveling road in Upper South H. District	47 41
Charles Rice, for 1835 feet of plank for bridge,	23 85
John M. Harris, for surveying of Kendrick's bridge road, and plan and profile of the same,	42 50
Geo. Spring, for repairing and re-planking Lower Falls Bridge,	7 41
L. Allen Kingsbury, for 273 yards of gravel on Sherborn road,	13 65
Augustus Stevens, for laying drain pipe under the road near Luther Horr's,	5 00
Amount carried forward.	$2,671 46

Amount brought forward,	$2,671	46
S. G. Williams, clearing ditches and culverts,	3	50
Dexter Kingsbury, for labor on Highways,	6	87
for labor on Highways, and men and team on North Centre District,	50	88
	$2,732	71

Abatements, Discounts, and Collection of Taxes.

P. W. Morrell, for abatement of tax on Real Estate,	$1	44
George Jennings, for abatement on Poll Taxes,	36	00
George Jennings for Discount and Commission on Taxes assessed in 1860. Amount, $10,238 15,	819	05
Estate of Ruth Smith, for abatement of Tax on personal property,	8	00
Mary McIntosh, for abatement of tax on Personal Property,	4	57
William Lawton, for abatement of Tax on Personal Property,	7	20
Augustus Stevens, Gdn. for abatement of tax on " "	4	80
Walter Bowers, for abatement of tax on personal property,	4	00
George Jennings, Discount and Commission on Poll and Personal taxes, assessed in 1861. Amount, $3,663 98.	293	12
George Jennings, for abatement of poll taxes,	22	50
Charles B. Dana, for abatement of tax on real estate,	4	62
T. M. Rundlett, for abatement of tax on real estate,	2	00
William Lawton for abatement of tax on real estate,	2	00
Nathan Longfellow, for abatement of tax on real estate,	4	80
Estate of John S. Bird, for abatement of tax on real estate,	20	16
Elijah Perry, for abatement of tax on real estate,	1	20
George Howland, for abatement of tax on real estate,	3	20
E. K. Whitaker, for abatement of tax on personal property,	12	00
R. W. Holman, for abatement of tax on real estate,	1	28
Catherine Green, for abatement of tax on real estate,	1	00
	$1,252	94

Support of Poor in Almshouse.

Dexter Kingsbury, for services to March 1st, 1861,	$37 50
George E. Eaton, services as Sexton for two persons, at Almshouse, and grave clothes and coffin,	25 00
Dexter Kingsbury, for supplies,	100 00
for supplies,	100 00
for supplies,	18 16
for supplies,	75 00
for supplies, $162 96. Services $75 00,	237 96
for supplies,	100 00
George E. Eaton, services at funeral of Mrs. Jones, coffin and shroud,	13 00
Dexter Kingsbury, supplies,	157 27
services to Nov. 30, 1861.	75 00
George E. Eaton, services at funeral of Zaber Morse and George Kingsbury, coffin and shrouds,	28 00
Dexter Kingsbury, supplies for Almshouse,	68 84
services at Almshouse,	75 00
as Liquor Agent,	50 00
	$1,210 73

Support of Poor out of Almshouse.

Solomon Flagg, for cash paid Town of Holliston for assistance rendered Luther P. Jennison,	$6 34
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 4 weeks	8 00
William D. Woodcock, for boarding his mother 13 weeks from Nov. 1st, 1860, to Feb. 12th, 1861,	3 25
William Pierce for Wood furnished Timothy Brown's family while sick with the Small Pox 1860,	3 00
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 4 weeks	8 00
Ezra C. Dudley, for Wood and meat furnished Mrs. E. Prouty,	11 00
Amount carried forward.	$39 59

The Town of Athol, for assistance rendered Jerusha H. Smith, while sick,	2 00
J. Hawes, for House rent furnished Luther P. Jennison,	6 00
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 9 weeks,	18 00
George Jennings, for expenses of the burial of the child of Margaret Haley,	4 00
Thomas E. Andrews, of Holliston, for groceries furnished Luther P. Jennison,	6 34
Dr. Josiah Noyes, for medical attendance on Roger McSorley,	10 00
Solomon Flagg, cash paid State Lunatic Hospital, for support of D. K. Ritchie, and B. F. Slack,	150 88
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong, 4 weeks,	8 00
State Lunatic Hospital, for board and expenses of D. R. Ritchie,	80 22
State Lunatic Hospital, for board and Expenses of B. F. Slack,	72 00
Galen Orr, for goods furnished William Willcutts family	7 16
Galen Orr, for shoes furnished Staples Boy living with George Howe,	1 25
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 5 weeks	5 00
S. G. Williams, for relief furnished Marston family,	6 98
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 4 weeks,	1 00
George Howe for Clothing furnished Henry Staples	6 34
Augustus Stevens cash paid L. C. Ambler, while sick,	3 00
S. G. Williams, relief furnished Marston Family,	6 75
Galen Orr, for assistance furnished Willcutt Family,	7 90
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 5 weeks,	5 00
John M. Geyer, for boarding and taking care of Lemuel Baker, from Aug. 26th, to Oct. 21st, 1861,	24 00
Josiah Noyes, for medical attendance on Lemuel Baker,	8 50
S. G. Williams, for relief furnished Marston family,	2 12
Solomon Flagg, for assistance rendered Jerusha H. Smith 5 months,	10 00
Daniel Warren, for assistance rendered Joseph Fletcher,	7 52
Augustus Stevens, for assistance rendered L. C. Ambler,	4 00
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 4 weeks,	4 00
Galen Orr, for goods delivered to Willcutt family,	5 85
Town of Natick, for relief furnished Luther C. Ambler,	11 75
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong 9 weeks,	9 00
Amount carried forward.	$489 04

Amount brought forward,		$555 70
Town of Haverhill, for assistance rendered John H. Tower and family.	20 93	
Calvin Kelton, assistance rendered to Jerusha Smith,	7 00	
Town of Holliston, assistance furnished N. B. Jennison, and funeral expenses of wife and child,	40 75	
Augustus Stevens, assistance furnished L. C. Ambler and family,	2 00	
J. Stimpson, for Medical Attendance on George Kingsbury,	4 00	
Galen Orr, for 1 pair of Boots for Henry Staples,	2 00	
Treasurer of State Reform School, for boarding Martin Hunting 10 weeks,	5 00	
Town of Natick, Assistance rendered Sarah Batchelder,	5 50	
Galen Orr, Assistance rendered Edward Carhill,	11 01	
Dr. Warner, cash paid J. W. Sawyer of Boston, for boarding Mrs. George M. Hanks and child while sick, from Sept. 25, 1861, to Feb. 7, 1862.	35 00	
Galen Orr, assistance rendered Willcutt family,	6 23	
Dr. Josiah Noyes, medical attendance, C. A. Hinds family,	30 00	
medical attendance on Nancy Armstrong,	6 75	
medical attendance on Willcutt family,	26 00	
		$757 87

Miscellaneous Town Expenses.

William G. Shattuck, for furniture for North School House,	$35 65	
Estate of William Flagg, services, writing letters, furnishing stamps, traveling expenses respecting paupers &c.,	11 55	
Dexter Kingsbury, for cash paid for lumber and mason work on Town Farm, printing Warrants &c.,	33 97	
services as Liquor Agent, for the year ending March 1st, 1861,	50 00	
S. G. Williams, for furniture for North School House,	2 00	
Nathaniel Wales, Jr., services as Selectman, from Dec. 3d. to March 4th, 1861, copying letters &c.,	9 60	
Amount carried forward.		$142 17

Amount brought forward, including Extra Services	$142 17
Solomon Flagg, services as Town Clerk 6 months $84, repairs on House 6,54, Treasurer one year, $24,60 Postage 4,40	129 54
Hezekiah Fuller, repair on North School House,	5 00
Bill Burrell 2d, services as fire ward at Fire C. R. Village, and Pine Swamp,	5 00
James L. Tarbox, services as fire ward, at fire C. R. Village and Pine Swamp,	5 00
S. S. Seagrave, for repairs at N. W. School,	1 15
Wm. B. Mansfield, for painting and lettering Guide Boards,	4 47
Wm. J. Marchant, repairs on Centre School House,	3 13
A. W. Haskell, for printing hand bills,	75
J. H. & F. F. Farwell, for printing blanks for Town orders,	4 00
Galen Orr, stationery,	3 16
Geo. K. Daniels, for services preparing Town Report and valuation list, 13 1-2 days, fares, and stationery,	29 23
Wright & Potter, for printing town reports and valuation list,	111 55
Robert Mansfield, for Auditing town report 11 1-2 days,	23 00
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, for 6 months interest on $5000 to April 8th, 1861,	150 00
George E. Eaton, for Insurance on S. School House, returning deaths, team to fire at C. R. Village, and repairing tomb door,	7 03 15 00
H. S. Batchelder, for refreshments for Engine Co., fire at Bostonville, Sept. 19th, 1860,	4 50
Wm. L. Clark, for two guide posts and putting up,	3 25
Franklin Stevens, for services as building committee, on North and N. West School houses,	12 00
Nathaniel Wales Jr., for services 15 Engine men for Cataract No. 1. Lower Falls,	75 00
J. J. Whitmarsh, for repairs on South School House,	1 00
N. Longfellow, for services as school committee 15 days, and making report for town and state,	28 25
George Gould, for services of 4 engine men for Mechanic Engine, Newton U. Falls,	20 00
Solomon Flagg, for services as school committee 12 1-2 days, examining teachers, making reports, journey to Natick, and books furnished,	22 20
Amount carried forward.	$796 38

Amount brought forward,	$796 38
William Pierce, repairs on South School House,	3 38
G. W. Ryder & Co., Printing School Report and Dog Licences,	19 00
D. N. Livingston, for gravel and Land taken for South road,	20 00
B. G. Kimball, for Services as School Committee 6 months,	12 00
John Marshall, for Service as Fireward.	2 00
David C. Mills, for Land taken to widen Town Road near First Parish Meeting house, as per award of the Selectmen,	11 50
E. C. Dudley, for labor on road in gravel pit,	5 50
T. N. Smith, for repairs on school-house in East District,	7 21
S. G. Williams, cash paid for Town Meeting notices, clock for North School and expressing,	4 38
Hezekiah Fuller, for cleaning and repairing School House, and pump at North School House,	7 32
A. W. Haskell, for printing 300 copies Dog Laws,	2 75
Samuel Chisue, printing tax bills,	15 00
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid Dedham savings institution for interest on Town Note,	30 00
J. L. Fairbanks, for valuation books,	4 50
Solomon Flagg, John Harris and G. R. Daniell, for services as Assessors, $225 00. Cash paid for printing, $4 50,	229 50
E. C. Jenkins, for making returns of 8 deaths,	80
J. L. Fairbanks, for record book for Town Clerk,	3 50
Wm. B. Mansfield, for painting and lettering sign boards,	1 76
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, interest on town's note to Oct. 8th, 1861,	150 00
Galen Orr, for stationery,	2 40
Timothy N. Smith, for lettering and putting up guide boards posts and sitting,	19 24
Galen Orr, for man with horse, wagon, putting up guide boards, and screws,	5 00
Solomon Flagg, Services as Town Clerk 6 months,	25 00
cash paid express on books, postage, repairs on West School House and pump,	3 73
Reuben Hurd, repairs on East School House,	3 50
Thomas E. Morse, painting and varnishing Hearse,	6 00
S. S. Seagraves, repairs on North West School House,	75
B. G. Kimball, for services as School Committee,	16 50
Amount carried forward	$1408 60

Amount brought forward	$1408	60
J. J. Could, for cash paid for watching fire at E. Stedman's in Grantville,	2	00
Charles Rice Jr., for lumber for lock-up,	15	26
J. L. Tarbox, for repairs on South School House,	4	43
Galen Orr, for nails for repairs on East School House,	1	72
Wm. B. Mansfield, for painting black boards and sitting glass in West School House,	1	67
T. N. Smith, for labor on lock-up and nails,	7	17
for repairing East School House,	8	33
11 guide boards, painting and sitting,	7	95
H. L. Stone, for stove and pipe for Grantville School.	9	04
Thomas E. Morse, for painting and varnishing hearse in West Needham, repairing the same and painting biers &c.,	11	75
F. Marchant, for shingles for East School House,	19	00
38 loads of gravel for East Plain District,	2	28
Hezekiah Fuller, repairing house and pump in North School.	3	45
B. G. Kimball, for school books furnished for East section, and unpaid by parents,	33	21
E. Corning, for refreshments at fire, Henry Woods' barn.	1	32
S. A. Southwick, for books furnished indigent scholars in the North School.	1	31
Galen Orr, for services as Selectman 2 1-2 days,	5	00
for services as Selectman at Town House, on roads and bridges, meeting County Commissioners and other services from March 11th, to July 3d, '61,	29	25
services as Selectman at Town House,	8	00
arranging town matters with commissoners,	6	00
respecting county and town records, arranging about road work and railing on roads, guide boards and other matters,	9	50
James L. Tarbox, stove pipe, glass for South School,	3	50
Galen Orr, services as Selectman from Nov. 14th, to Feb. 14th, 1862.	25	50
George Spring, sitting up furniture in North School House,	2	00
S. G. Williams, for services as Selectman from March to July 1861,	15	50
Amount carried forward.	$1,645	74

Amount brought forward	$1,408	60
S. G. Williams, for services as Selectman 4 days $8, cash paid for postage 9c., crayons 25c., journey to Mr Orr's, Mr. Dolans $1. ; carrying Jos. Fletcher to Almshouse 50c.	9	84
services as Selectman from Nov. 1861, to Feb. 15th, 1862,	17	00
Augustus Stevens, for services as Selectman from March 11th, to July 29th, 1861.	18	25
for services as Selectman, 6 days at Almshouse and other services,	18	50
George Jennings, notifying town officers, returning poll tax list and return of 14 deaths,	16	92
Dedham Savings Inst., interest on Town's note,	30	00
George E. Eaton, returning 15 deaths,	1	50
Dexter Kingsbury, cash paid for brick, cement and mason work on cistern,	37	91
notices for Town Meetings,	15	25
expense to Lynn on account of paupers,	1	26
Augustus Stevens, for services as Selectman from Dec. 2d, to Feb. 15th, 1862,	16	12
cash paid for fares to Bridgewater,	4	20
C. B. Patten, for cloth furnished by the Military Committee, for the use of enlisted soldiers,	88	29
Treasurer, Commonwealth, State Tax,	564	00
City of Lynn, for assistance rendered widow of John Ware,	12	75
Town of Haverhill, assistance furnished Tower family,	6	60
wrong	$2,899	63

Work on Snow, Breaking Roads.

J. L. Tarbox,	$9 25
Cyrus G. Upham,	33 81
Augustus Stevens,	26 06
Charles McIntosh,	28 99
Henry L. Howe,	28 25
S. Knapp & Sons,	14 00
S. G. Williams,	39 00
C. H. Flagg,	1 50
Galen Orr, (cash paid)	17 36
Johu A. Libby,	26 75
John Mansfield,	13 00
Augustus Stevens,	6 87
Galen Orr, (cash paid)	11 75
J. L. Tarbox,	18 87
Jonathan Fuller,	30 61
William Pierce,	18 06
T. P. Quinn,	1 60
Cyrus G. Upham,	5 42
John A. Wing,	39 62
Joseph H. Dewing,	3 50
George H. Hardy,	2 62
Emery Fiske,	6 75
Henry Blackman Jr.,	4 25
William Lawton,	3 00
Leonard Smith,	9 66
Franklin Stevens,	2 17
Dexter Kingsbury,	3 13
	$405 85

Paid to Families of Volunteers, agreeably to the Law of the Commonwealth, passed May 1861.

Franklin M. Fox, to January 1st,	$55 20
George Graney, to October 1,	44 88
C. D. Smith, to January 1st,	22 71
Samuel F. Richards, to January 1st,	22 71
G. W. Snow, to February 1st,	28 00
Nathan M. Grover, to February 1st,	47 14
William Fuller, to January 1st,	38 00
William Freeman, to February 1st,	85 20
Francis O. Brigham, to February 1st,	74 85
Isaac B. Pope, to February 1st,	28 57
Moses Bullard, to February 1st	56 00
Artemas C. Ambler, to February 1st,	35 14
Daniel Murphy, to February 1st,	29 56
George Avery, to February 1st,	20 56
Thomas Bailey, to February 1st,	18 29
Joseph L. Sears, to February 1st,	4 43
William L. Tucker, to February 1st,	17 14
	$628 38

Alms House Establishment.

Dr.

To Amount of Orders drawn for supplies,	$860 73	
of sales of produce used for furnishing supplies,	329 96	
of Wardens Salary, including Liquor Agency,	350 00	
		$1,540 69
rent of Farm,	$300 00	
amount per Taxes,	30 00	
interest on personal property,	90 00	
		$1,960 69

Alms House Account Continued.

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Bill in Wardens hands Feb. 15th, 1861,	$45 23
For milk sold,	5 62
Potatoes sold,	23 83
Butter sold,	39 92
Pork sold,	31 86
Eggs sold,	7 39
Beans sold,	11 50
Turkeys and Chickens,	29 54
Calfs sold,	26 00
Use of Bull 2 years,	47 00
Straw sold,	26 99
Labor off of farm, cash received,	18 75
Sale of small articles as per Warden's book,	6 33
Amount due from T. Sanderson for labor,	31 37
Amount due from Leonard A. Kingsbury balance for oxen,	22 28
Breaking out Roads in March and April 1861,	9 38
Labor in North Centre Highway District, by Warden and Town team 1861,	50 88
Carting brick and cement for cistern,	10 00
Well curb, water conductor and watering trough for cistern, and furnishing up harness-room by one of the paupers,	12 00
Drawing stone and laying up 28 rods of wall,	28 00
15 days labor on well and cistern,	15 00
Notifying 5 Town Meetings,	30 00
1-2 day on bridge and carting lumber,	2 88
Use of Town Hall,	60 00
Lighting and warming Hall and Office,	6 00
144 meals furnished Town Officers,	28 80
784 meals furnished trancient persons,	156 80
Inventory of personal property more than last year,	277 54
	$1,060 89

Alms House Account Continued.

Balance against the Institution, $899 80

Number of weeks board of poor for the past year is 870 3-7, which is a fraction over $1,03 1-3 per week.

Your Committee are much pleased with the management in and about the premises, and think the Warden and Matron both have done their duty faithfully.

CASH RECEIVED BY TREASURER FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

From Town of Newton for assistance rendered Marston family,	$14 96
Town of Brookline for assistance rendered Miss E. Prouty,	21 20
Town of West Roxbury, for assistance rendered Lemuel Baker,	32 50
Due from City of Boston, assistance and medical attendance for W. Willcutt.	45 24
	$113 90

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted, by

GALEN ORR,
SILAS G. WILLIAMS,
AUGUSTUS STEVENS,
SOLOMON FLAGG. } Auditing Committee.

List of Persons Supported in Almshouse.

Hadassah Smith,	aged 97 years	Joseph Fletcher,	aged 55 years
Lewis Jones,	82	Mary S. Tower,	52
Samuel Alden,	81	Julia Staples,	50
Nathan Coffee,	78	Margarett Brightmore,	50
Nahum Kingsbury,	78	Edward Gay Coffee,	49
Elijah Woodcock,	78	Eliza A. Kingsbury,	47
George Lyon,	75	John H. Tower,	42
Mary Finch,	75	Sarah F. Batchelder,	13
Ichabod Coffee,	75	Frederick E. Tower,	13
Hugh Forsyth,	65	George H. Tower,	11

Births, Intentions of Marriage, Marriages and Deaths.

The following statistics of Births, Intentions of Marriage, Marriages and Deaths, in Needham, are for the year 1861.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of Births.		74	Of American Parents.		24
Males,	42		Foreign,		45
Females,	32		American & Foreign,		5

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGES.

Whole number of Intentions of Marriage	36
Whole number of Marriages,	24

DEATHS.

Whole number of Deaths,		35
Males.	19	
Females,	16	

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Consumption,	8	Asthma.	1
Apoplexy,	2	Affection of the Lungs,	1
Lung Fever,	2	Unknown,	2
Typhoid Fever,	2	Want of proper care,	1
Old Age,	2	Malformation,	1
Accident,	2	Measles,	1
Congestion of the Lungs,	2	Cholera Infantum,	1
Premature Birth,	2	Softening of the Brain,	1
Inflamation of the Bowels,	1	Inflamatory Diarrhea,	1
Scarlatina.	1		—
Hernia.	1		35

AGES.

Under 1 year,	10	From 40 to 50 years	2
From 1 to 5 years,	2	" 50 to 60 "	2
" 5 to 10 "	0	" 60 to 70 "	1
" 10 to 20 "	3	" 70 to 80 "	7
" 20 to 30 "	4	" 80 to 90 "	2
" 30 to 40 "	2		

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

Liquor Agency.

DR.

To liquor on hand Feb. 15th, 1861,	$32 18
cash in Agents hands Feb. 15th, 1860,	87 53
cash in Agents hands Feb. 1861,	56 49
to sales up to Feb. 15th, 1862,	6 72
	$182 92

CR.

By sales of liquor from Feb. 15th, 1861, up to Feb. 15th, 1862,	$6 72
liquor used at Almshouse for one year,	6 85
by error on sales as made up Feb. 15th, 1861,	3 27
liquor on hand Feb. 15th, 1862,	15 34
cash of Agent Feb. 15th, 1862, for balance,	150 74
	$182 92

Recapitulation.

Support of Schools,	$2,948 77
Building and repair of Highways and Bridges,	2,732 71
Abatements, Discount and Collection of Taxes,	1,252 94
Support of Poor in Almshouse,	1,210 73
Support of Poor out of Almshouse,	757 87
Miscellaneous Town Expenses.	2,899 63
	$11,802 65

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Appropriations for the Year.

For building and repairing roads and bridges, including deficiency in highway grant for 1860,	4,230 15
support of poor,	1,200 00
support of schools,	3,000 00
discounts, abatements and collection of taxes,	1,200 00
necessary charges and expenses,	2,000 00
	$11,630 15
County tax,	$1,847 22
State tax,	564 00
	$14,041 37

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (interest paid to Oct. 8th, 1861,)	$5,000 00
Dedham Savings Bank, (interest paid to Jan. 5th 1862)	1,000 00
	$6,000 00
Due from the Commonwealth, for aid rendered the families of volunteers, to Feb. 1st, 1862,	$628 38

ERRATA.—The last two items placed by mistake under the head of Miscellaneous Expenses, belong to the Pauper account, and are included in that total.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

FOR THE YEAR

1861-62.

NATICK:
STEAM PRESS OF GEO. W. RYDER & CO.,
1862.

REPORT.

Fellow Citizens :—The Schools for the past year, have with few exceptions, been successful. In one case only, has a teacher been dismissed for lack of ability to govern. Two schools were temporarily suspended, in consequence of the ill-health of their teachers. One was suspended within three weeks of the close of the term, and was not resumed; and on account of the nature of the teachers disease,—inflamation of the eyes, there was no examination.

In the West Lower Department, a falling off in discipline was observable, and in the East School, Summer Term, there was need of more energetic rule. The North West School was under the care of a new and inexperienced teacher for the past year, who gives promise of being a successful one, and who has entered the Normal School, with the purpose of fitting herself, to be still a better one.

The Lower Department of the Plain, Centre, North and Grantville Schools need no praise. Their teachers have labored faithfully and successfully, term after term, keeping pace with the improvements of the day, and giving interest to their daily routine of duty, by songs, oral questions in natural history, the drawing of maps and manual exercises.

The activity and energy of the teacher of the South School, Summer Term, was in no wise less noticeable, than in that of her first term in the school, and her discipline was much better. The closing weeks of the South Winter School, were successful enough to make up for the failure of the opening weeks. The graded schools of the Winter and Summer Terms, and the East Winter Term, were all worthy of commendation, each leaving its own distinctive merits.

Varying according to the character of the scholars as advanced, or otherwise, and the culture of their teachers in different departments of learning,—in some might be seen map-drawing carried into detail, so that not only the boundaries of States and Kingdoms, but of Counties would be exhibited. In others, no maps, but mathematical problems covered the blackboard. In some, grammar, that ordinarily dry study, would seem invested with a charm. History, too often merely answers to numberless ill-assorted questions in some, would embody its great thoughts, and proclaim them in connected sentiments in others. In this school, music, one of the great educators, was practically cultivated, and in that no singing, but reading, which has a melody of its own, left a pleasant impression.

Entering some schools, a Sabbath stillness would prevail, broken only by the voices of the reciting class, the teacher's nerves strained to their utmost tension, vibrating at the least movement of a foot, or arm. In others you would hear the buzz of study mingled with the sounds of recitation, the teacher as easy and pleasant and as collected, as if seated in his own quiet room. In some everything was done with precision, every class moved as orderly as the soldier on parade, the posture

was noticed, each transaction had its appropriate time and place. In others, the scholars found themselves on the recitation seat, as the soldier in battle, each one on his responsibility ; and they returned to their seats after the same fashion. The same difference might be observed in the order at recess and dismission.

Such differences will more or less exist, while teachers differ in temperament and training. To the visitor, the stillness which will allow the dropping of a pin to be heard across a school-room, the order, which will permit each recitation to be distinctly noted, and the good arrangement which will prevent confusion and interuption, are very welcome. More emphatically, should they be welcome to the scholar, when he knows that they are insisted on by his teacher, from no wish to tyrannize over, or injure him; but on the contrary for his good, and when he finds that teacher earnest and interested in his progress, pouring out the treasures of his own mind, introducing him to new truths, enriching him with new thoughts, he should return cordial and hearty thanks, for the wise restraint, for the beneficent severity. At the same time the severity which alienates without improving, the preciseness which annoys, the vigilance which induces deception, are to be avoided. The teacher, who does not win the love of his best scholars, is not likely to succeed. Something is due to looks, something to dress ; but a thousand times more than either, to an earnest loving heart. That teacher is fortunate who combines with the intellect that can educate, and the firmness that can execute, the love that wins the child. Nor does it follow that there is no improvement, that there is not great improvement in schools, where the

rules are not so rigorous, nor should severity itself ever be so severe, that it cannot relax into a smile. Cheerfulness is certainly one element in education. The great end of the educator should be, to present to the world healthy, well stored, well assorted intellects. Your Committee have always insisted, that the teacher should be obeyed, while they have not required that the scholars, should be subjected to an iron sway. The moment, of course, in which the teacher has lost control of the school, without the hope of regaining it, his removal should follow. Let the teacher and scholars laugh together if there is reason ; but woe to that teacher whose scholars laugh without and in spite of him.

While the Committee can commend the schools of the past year, they earnestly ask you to see to it, that your children are sent to school, and that no ordinary reason shall prevent them from being there every day, and all day. From the returns of the percentage of attendance in the towns of Norfolk County, for 1860-61 it appears, that Needham stands within two of being at the bottom of the list. Twenty towns are above, and two towns below it. A number of the children are sent out of town to school, and we have a large proportion of children for our population, but still too many are kept away from school for trivial reasons, sleigh-rides in winter or skating, in warmer weather visits of picnics, friends coming and going. The same persons, who are disturbed perhaps, if they think the term is to be shortened,do not hesitate to take their children out of school in term time, to the great annoyance of the teachers, and very much to the discredit of the town. Are not such persons unintentionally tempting those children, who are not allowed to be absent from school, to be-

come truants, from the fact that the latter may think they have a right to the same privilege with others, who are so allowed. The Committee respectfully invite the attention of the town to the North West School, established originally with the hope of an increase of population in the neighborhood, that hope has not been realized ; and the school has been at times, so small in numbers, it has seemed to the Committee, that its discontinuance was desirable, especially as some of the inhabitants have refused to send their children to the school. The scholars of the West and North-West united would not average more than those of the North alone. It is no uncommon occurrence, where districts have been abolished to close the school-houses and require children to attend in places more remote from home. It does not seem right, that sixteen to twenty scholars should continue without any prospect of increase to burden the town with an expense, as great as that of a school having as regular scholars forty or fifty ; at least when there would be little or no inconvenience in their being sent to neighboring schools, which would be benefited by the addition. It is the evil of the district system acted over again, which the town have been so earnest to counteract. It is right at least to expect that every child, entitled to go to that school, shall be sent, that the school may be as full as possible ; and this the Committee have urged. The supplying of the schools with books is still a matter of difficulty. The present arrangement by which books are kept in public places for sale seems as expedient as any, and they can be purchased more reasonably in such places, than in the city by the parents. The law requiring school-committees to furnish books to all scholars, who are destitute

of them, is a necessary one, and should be carried out to the letter. Each Parent should understand, that it is not optional with him whether his child has a book or not. Yet it sometimes is the case, that the scholar is without a book for weeks, because the parent promises from day to day, that he will get it, and yet neglects so to do. The teacher, and the Committee perhaps rely upon the promise, and the book borrowed from another supplies the want for a while. This lending and borrowing is attended with much inconvenience, and a serious loss of time. The scholar, however long or short his continuance in school, should have his books. They are his weapons of war, his defences against the assaults of ignorance, the scaling ladders, which lift him over the barriers of error into the heart of the city of wisdom. The expense attending a change of books is saved to the individual, and assumed by the town. A frequent change of books is however depreciated. It is believed, that thoroughness is better than mere progress. Teachers sometimes say, the scholars have read such a book so often they can repeat it word for word. But how many of these have mastered the full meaning of the sentences, how many can analyze them so as to give their true emphasis, the exact tone of voice to be used, and the required quickness or slowness? How many of the scholars have performed each example in arithmetic, or can give the principle with clearness on which it is based; how many can locate the principal cities or rivers of the world, draw the outlines of states, counties or towns, how many have the words they read so pictured in their memories that they make no mistake in spelling? How many can apply the rules and exceptions in their gram-

mars, without committing errors in parsing. There is no subject introduced into schools, that the true teacher cannot make interesting, and every teacher should be so thorough a master of his subject, that no text book should be used at a recitation unless absolutely necessary for the scholar, or for reference in case of doubt. With a map drawn on the board, or an outline map taking up each portion of the country as the class progress, the instructed teacher could make the lesson much more interesting by oral questions, than by confining himself to those in the book. The teacher should be himself a learner. If he is fresh from the halls of learning, and his preparation is ample, there will be opportunities unthought of by him, which may more than task his present knowledge. Six hours are allotted for teaching. It should be his duty to spend some time each day in studying, what he can do to benefit those under his charge. He should overlook those lessons especially which require thought, and on which differences of opinion may arise, ever encouraging the scholar to express his own opinion. He should aim to use the best pronunciation and gramatical sentences, that his scholars may learn of him to correct their errors. It is not to be forgotten that the faithful teacher has a heavy task, exercising at once his mental and physical nature. They, who undertake this task, should have health of body, as well as strength of mind. They must be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit. They are workmen worthy of their hire, and no money is more profitably paid out, than is paid to the good teacher. It is to the credit of the town that our female teachers receive more than the average of wages which are paid to female teachers throughout the state. The Committee recom-

mend the employment of female teachers in all our schools, where male teachers can be dispensed with, because with equal qualifications the same work can thereby be done at a less cost, and the schools have more days to keep in consequence.

It is cause for congratulation that the Bible question, —so called— which has so long agitated the Commonwealth, has been settled. With a population such as ours, it would soon have become a vexed question. Whatever the opinions of the early settlers of Massachusetts were, however sacredly cherished by any of their descendants, the spirit of our constitution, the spirit of a true charity demanded the change. No Sectarianism, should be in every sense the motto of our Common Schools. There the Quaker, the Catholic, the Episcopalian and the Independent should stand on an equal footing, all interested for the education of the children of the state, satisfied that without knowledge no good community can long survive. In concluding this imperfect report we commend to your renewed and watchful care, Fellow Citizens,—our common-schools. As one after another of your long tried servants gives place to younger or more accomplished successors, so may our schools gain new vigor with each returning Spring, and let each year find them fullfilling their great purpose better than the last.

For the Committee,

Benj. G. Kimball.

Needham, April 8th, 1862.

NAMES OF TEACHERS

IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

In the school year of 1861-62, or from April, 1861, to April, 1862.

Solomon Flagg,
Albert G. Longfellow,
Edwin F. Palmer,
George W. Mason,
Leonard F. Morse,
Adeline M. Eaton,
Emily F. Chickering,
Angeline E. Hofses.

Henrietta Stevens,
Elizabeth Perry,
Jane F. Flagg,
Sarah Southwick,
Charlotte M. Sawyer,
Maria B. Goddard,
Ellen A. Williams,
Caroline E. Dewing,
Eliza J. Knapp.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

From Feb. 15, 1862, to Feb. 1st, 1863.

—ALSO, THE—

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

—AND—

LIST OF THE TAX PAYERS FOR 1862.

NATICK:
G. W. RYDER & Co., Printers.
1863.

The Town of Needham, in Account with

Dr.

1862.			
Aug. 19,	To Cash paid, Note at Newton Bank, - -	$500 00	
" 23,	" " " " to Leonard Winch, and int.	505 75	
Nov. 21,	" " " " " " " " "	506 75	
Sept. 23,	" " " " D. D. Dana, "	3,003 00	
Oct. 31,	" " " Volunteers as Bounty,	19,200 00	
1863.			
Jan. 31,	" " " on orders from Selectmen to date,	14,967 97	
			$38,683 47
	Balance forwarded Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1863,		$ 306 34
			$38 989 81

Solomon Flagg, Treasurer, from Feb. 15, '62 to Feb. 1, '63.

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1862.			
Feb. 15	By Balance Cash on hand brought forward from last year,		$755 06
Mch. 1, "	Cash received of Geo. Jennings, Collector, in full for Taxes on Real Estate for 1861,	$2,151 23	
" 3, "	By Cash rec'd of Geo. Jennings, for taxes as'd 1861,	2 80	
" " "	" " " " " " " "	1 61	
" 21, "	" " Newton Bank on Treasurer's note,	487 50	
Apr. 29, "	" " Leonard Winch, " "	490 00	
May. 2, "	" " City of Boston, assistance rendered Wm. Willcutt's family,	33 25	
June 14, "	" " Leonard Winch on Treasurer's note,	500 00	
Aug. 3, "	" " Suffolk Saving Bank for Seamen "	6,000 00	
" 4, "	" " Geo. Jennings Auctioneer's License,	2 00	
" 7, "	" " " " for Poll & Per'sl Taxes,	2,383 10	
" 23, "	" " Elbridge Stevens on Treas's note,	200 00	
Sept. 3, "	" " Geo. Jennings for Poll & per'l taxes,	1,191 54	
" 16, "	" " John W. Greenwood on Treas's Note,	200 00	
" 17, "	" " D. D. Dana borrowed do.	3,000 00	
" 19, "	" " C. F. Wisner do.	150 00	
" 23, "	" " New England Life Ins. Co., do.	12,000 00	
" 19, "	" " Israel Hunting, do.	200 00	
" 19, "	" " City of Boston assistance rendered Wm. Willcutt's family	13 00	
Oct. 1, "	" " Geo. P. Wisner, on Treas's note,	150 00	
" 14, "	" " State Treas's inc. from Sch'l fund,	109 21	
" 15, "	" " Olive Colburn, on Treas's. note	500 00	
" 3, "	" " Pliny M. Jones, on Treas's note,	200 00	
" 3, "	" " Wm. Jones, " "	200 00	
Nov. 13, "	" " Geo. Jennings, Col'tor for Taxes,	2,776 73	
Dec, 1, "	" " " " " " to pay town's proportion of State tax,	3,384 00	
" 1, "	" " Treas'r. of Commonwealth State aid, paid to families of Volunt's for 1862,	496 81	
1863.			
Jan. 1, "	" " Geo. Jennings. Collector, on account of taxes 1862,	1,388 37	
" 31, "	" " for assistance ren'd. an individual,	2 00	
" " "	" " Solomon Flagg, Town Clerk for Licensing and registering Dogs,	21 60	
			$38,234 75
			$38,989 81
1863.			
Feb. 1,	By Balance Cash on hand this date,		$306 34

E. E.

SOLOMON FLAGG, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

D. D. DANA, Auditor.

Needham, Feb. 3d, 1863.

[NOTE.—NEEDHAM, March 17, 1862. The town voted that Solomon Flagg, Town Clerk, make the Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town from Feb. 15, 1862, to Feb. 1st, 1863; also, the Tax List for 1862, and cause the same to be printed and circulated with the Town Warrant for the next annual March meeting.]

The Treasurer has paid out during the year, by orders of the Selectmen and Assessors, as follows:—

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

GREAT PLAIN SCHOOL. *Two Departments.*

George G. Stevens, for taking care of school-house,	$7 00
4 feet pine wood and sawing,	2 50
3 brooms and 1 dipper,	82
cleaning school-room,	1 00
A. M. Eaton, services as teacher 16 weeks,	80 00
Emily H. Chickering, " " 15 "	82 50
" " " " " 18 "	99 00
George Stevens, 6 cords wood, sawing and splitting,	37 00
use of pump, taking care of school-house and cleaning school-room,	8 28
A. M. Eaton, services as teacher 18 weeks,	90 00
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, ink and crayons,	4 25
	$412 35

GRANTVILLE SCHOOL.

Alvin Fuller, making fires, sweeping and taking care of school-house,	$6 00
cleaning school-room, &c.,	2 35
S. G. Williams, for coal,	6 50
Charlotte M. Sawyer, services as teacher, 16 weeks,	80 00
crayon, 50c., ink, 75c.,	1 25
" " " services as teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
brooms, crayons and cleaning room,	1 05
sweeping school-room,	4 50
S. G. Williams, two tons coal,	19 75
	$211 40

NORTH SCHOOL. *Two Departments.*

Solomon Flagg, 6½ feet pine wood, and fees for measuring,	$3 92
Maria B. Goddard, services as teacher, 13 weeks,	65 00
George W. Mason, " " " 4 months,	168 00

John S. Hastings, making fires and sweeping,	10 00
C. B. Patten, taking care of school-house and cleaning,	5 00
crayons,	78
Rosine M. Smith, services as teacher, 18 weeks,	99 00
Maria B. Goddard, " 18 weeks, crayons 25c.,	90 25
Martha J. Moulton, sweeping and care of school-house,	5 00
S. G. Williams, 10,000 lbs. coal,	47 50
Saul S. Seagraves, for 5 feet of pitch pine wood,	3 00
	$497 45

West School. *Two Departments.*

Albert G. Longfellow, services as teacher, 4 months,	$168 00
Eliza J. Knapp, " " " 16 weeks,	80 00
Eugene Hathaway, for sweeping and making fires,	5 00
Helen F. Stone, services as teacher, 18 weeks,	99 00
Isabel Washburn, " " " 18 weeks,	90 00
Eugene Hathaway, sweeping and making fires,	3 50
Solomon Flagg, 4 cords of oak wood,	24 00
1 cord pitch pine,	4 50
sawing, splitting and piling the same,	6 25
	$480 25

North-West School.

John Mansfield, making fires and sweeping,	$3 00
Ellen A. Williams, services as teacher, 14 weeks,	70 00
Antoinette Perry, " " " 18 "	90 00
Saul S. Seagraves, 1 cord wood, $4.50, sawing and splitting, $.125,	5 75
" " " 2 brooms,	50
" " " 3½ cords of wood, sawing, splitting and piling the same,	23 50
" " " sweeping and care of the school-house,	2 50
	$195 25

Centre School. *Two Departments.*

E. F. Palmer, services as teacher, 4 months,	$168 00
A. E. Hofses, " " " 16 weeks,	80 00
Benj. G. Kimball, cash paid for making fires and sweeping,	6 00
Benj. G. Kimball, cash paid for sweeping, and care of house,	4 00
Charles McIntosh, 8½ feet wood, sawing and splitting the same,	6 12
A. E. Hofses, services as teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
Charlotte Kingsbury, " " " 18 "	99 00
Benj. G. Kimball, cash paid for cleaning school-house,	3 00
Galen Orr, brooms, soap, dust-pan and brush,	1 50

(Centre School—Continued.)

C. H. & G. W. Dewing,, ink and crayons,	$3 50
James McIntosh, 3 cords and $\frac{1}{4}$ of foot wood,	18 75
fees for measuring,	18
Benj. G. Kimball, sawing, splitting and piling 3 cords of wood,	3 00
	$483 08

SOUTH SCHOOL.

James L. Tarbox, 1 cord of wood, sawing and splitting same,	$6 25
making fires and sweeping,	3 00
booms, pails, &c.,	1 03
Caroline E. Dewing, services as teacher, $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks,	45 00
C. M. Dunn, " " " 18 "	90 00
Marshall Newell, 2 cords oak wood, $6,	12 00
6 feet pine wood,	3 00
sawing, splitting and piling the same,	2 00
1 box crayons,	17
C. H. & G. W. Dewing, for crayons,	1 00
	$163 45

EAST SCHOOL.

Solomon Flagg, services as teacher, $3\frac{7}{8}$ months,	$157 50
cash paid for making fires and sweeping,	3 50
bell, chalk, and crayons,	1 02
Carrie A. Hobbs, services as teacher, 18 weeks,	90 00
Reuben, Hurd, $2\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood,	12 87
sawing, splitting and piling,	2 25
care of school-house and cleaning the same,	7 50
cash paid for sweeping, pails, dippers, brooms and chalk,	3 65
	$278 29

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS BY SURVEYORS.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Curtis McIntosh,	$80 00

UPPER FALLS DISTRICT.

George O. Kingsbury,	80 00

GREAT PLAIN DISTRICT.

John Kingsbury, 2d,	115 00

LOWER SOUTH DISTRICT.

John A. Wing,	$56 40

WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Augustus Fuller,	93 00

UPPER SOUTH DISTRICT.

Marshall Newell,	75 00

NORTH CENTRE DISTRICT.

Willard Hurd,	76 00

WEST DISTRICT.

Samuel B. Flagg,	175 00

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

John Mansfield,	48 00

NORTH DISTRICT.

Henry L. Howe,	186 00
($15 60 not expended in Lower South District.)	
	$984 40

REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Charles Rice, for lumber for railing,	$6 03
Lewis Sumner, repairing railing, and widening road, near his house,	9 50
Galen Orr, putting up railing and guide-posts,	2 93
Lauren Kingsbury, labor on Kendrick road, in 1861,	12 61
George L. Kingsbury, carting railing from Lower Falls,	1 00
digging post-holes, setting posts, and putting on railing,	5 50
furnishing posts,	1 00
Galen Orr, cash paid for 32 posts, for railing,	3 20
John A. Wing, labor on Lower South Highway District, in 1861,	6 87
Charles Rice, lumber furnished for bridges,	4 33
Otis Alden, building fence on road in Upper Falls highway district,	2 00
Gideon Howe, iron grate for culvert at Lower Falls,	6 40
William Jones, stone bounds, and setting the same,	11 00
John Mansfield, repairs on culvert near the house of A. B. Childs,	4 00
Augustus Stevens, repairs on culvert near the store of Dexter Kingsbury,	2 50
Charles Rice, for lumber furnished for bridges,	8 62
	$87 49

Augustus Fuller,	for removing snow,				$5 50
James L. Tarbox,	"	"	"		9 74
Henry L. Howe,	"	"	"		6 00
A. B. Rice,	"	"	"		3 00
S. G. Williams,	"	"	"		8 25
Augustus Stevens,	"	"	"		5 75
Patrick Dolan,	"	"	"		5 00
Wm. C. Eayrs,	"	"	"	in 1861,	3 40
Joseph H. Dewing,	"	"	"		16 18
Robert Mansfield,	"	"	"		5 25
Lauren Kingsbury,	"	"	"		15 00
Charles McIntosh,	"	"	"		7 75
William Lawton,	"	"	"		2 25
John A. Wing,	"	"	"		15 50
John Henderson,	"	"	"		7 61
					$116 18

ABATEMENTS, DISCOUNTS, AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

George Jennings, abatement of poll taxes assessed in 1861.	$15 00
" " " " " " " "	27 00
" " discount and commission on taxes assessed in 1861. Amount, $11,015.17,	881 21
John Conway, for abatement of tax on personal property,	3 80
J. W. Greenwood, for abatement of tax on personal property,	76
Abijah Greenwood, for abatement of tax on personal property,	1 52
Catherine C. Fuller, for abatement of tax on real estate,	1 14
Joseph Colburn, for abatement of tax on real estate,	4 79
Artemas Greenwood, abatement of tax on real estate,	1 06
Thomas W. Slack, for abatement of tax on real estate,	84
Samuel C. Richardson, for abatement of tax on personal property,	6 46
George Jennings, for abatement of poll taxes assessed in 1862,	18 00
" " for discount and commission on polls and personal taxes assessed in 1862. Amount, $3,574.64,	277 03
	$1,238 61

SUPPORT OF POOR IN ALMSHOUSE.

Dexter Kingsbury, for supplies to March 1st, 1862,	$100 00
" " " services to June 1st, 1862,	87 50
" " " supplies to June 1st, 1862,	29 34

(Support of Poor in Almshouse—Continued.)

Dexter Kingsbury, for supplies to July 28th, 1862,	$100	00
" " " supplies to Sept. 1st, 1862,	83	81
" " " services to Sept. 1st, 1862,	87	50
Silas G. Williams, for two tons of stone coal for almshouse,	17	00
George E. Eaton, for funeral expenses, coffins, and grave clothes, for Edward R. Gay, Ichabod Coffee, Nathan Coffee, and Nahum Kingsbury,	40	00
Dexter Kingsbury, for services to December 1st, 1862,	87	50
" " " supplies to Dec. 1st, 1862,	146	31
" " " services two months, to Feb. 1st, 1863,	58	33
	$837	29

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong eight weeks,	$8 00
F. F. Fiske, for house rent for Nathan B. Jennison,	5 00
The town of Great Barrington, for assistance rendered Leonard Newell,	5 60
T. E. Andrews, for assistance rendered Luther Jennison while in Holliston,	4 50
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong five weeks,	5 00
Galen Orr, for assistance rendered William Willcutt and family,	6 11
Fanny Dewing, for boarding Nancy Armstrong four weeks,	4 00
Augustus Stevens, for assistance rendered Patrick Moran and family while sick,	6 28
Galen Orr, for assistance rendered John Wakefield and family while sick,	3 48
City of Boston, for support of Samuel Thompson 4 3-7 weeks at House of Industry,	4 42
Solomon Flagg, for support of Jerusha Smith in the town of Athol, at 50 cents per week,	8 00
Dr. Josiah Noyes, for medical attendance on Patrick Kiley while sick at Mr. Doland's,	10 00
George Howe, for clothing furnished Henry Staples,	7 29
Galen Orr, for assistance rendered William Carter's family while sick,	6 96
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for boarding D. K. Ritchie and Benjamin F. Slack six months,	152 79
State Reform School, for boarding Martin Hunting from Jan. 1st, 1862, to July 1st, 1862, at 50 cts. per week,	13 00
City of Lynn, for assistance rendered Mrs J. W. Ware,	21 25

(Support of the Poor out of Almshouse—Continued.)

Augustus Stevens, for cash paid S. E. Warfield for medical attendance on Nathan B. Jennison's family while sick in Holliston,	$12 00
William Costello, for cash paid for boarding his brother, Michael Costello, ten weeks at the Insane Hospital, South Boston,	20 00
State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for board and expenses of D. K. Ritchie and Benjamin F. Slack, to Oct. 1st, 1862,	99 27
Galen Orr, for cash paid for assistance rendered the family of Job Kingsbury,	3 00
State Reform School, for boarding Martin Hunting from July 1st, 1862, to Oct. 1st, 1862,	6 50
Galen Orr, cash paid Mrs. C. Coulter for nursing a woman, while sick at Wm. Clealand's,	4 00
Town of Athol, for support of Jerusha Smith,	16 00
S. G. Williams, for coal furnished Edward Cahill,	5 12
Galen Orr, assistance endered Job Kingsbury's family,	18 79
" " " " Edward Cahill,	4 81
" " " " Henry Staples,	3 00
Albert Billings, goods furnished Edward Cahill in 1861,	21 09
Augustus Stevens, assistance rendered John White's family,	5 00
State Lunatic Hospital, boarding and clothing Daniel K. Ritchie and Benjamin F. Slack from Oct. 1st, 1862, to Dec. 31, 1862,	71 06
Solomon Flagg, cash paid State Reform School for boarding Martin Hunting from Oct. 1st, 1862, to Dec. 31st, 1862,	6 50
Town of Natick, for assistance rendered the families of	
Ephraim Loker,	51 00
Alvin Edes,	5 50
F. E. Newhall,	6 25
	$630 57

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

S. G. Williams, for services as selectman 2 days, from Feb. 15, 1862, to March 1, 1862,	$4 00
Solomon Flagg, registering, and returning births, marriages, and deaths,	22 70
Solomon Flagg, for repairs on West School-House,	5 50
cash paid for postage and expressing,	1 72
services as Treasurer for one year,	85 20
cash paid for painting black-boards for East school	1 75
5 journeys to Newton bank to borrow and deposit money,	5 00

Solomon Flagg, 1 journey to Boston to get money borrowed of Leonard Winch,	2 00
services as Town Clerk, 6 months, to March 3, 1862,	25 00
for extra writing, in recording and the laying out of roads by County Commissioners and Selectmen,	5 00
cash paid for envelopes, 38 cts., dog tax refunded for 1858, $1,	1 38
making Town Report, $15.50, journey to Dover, $1,	16 50
Galen Orr, for services as selectman two days, from Feb. 15, to March 3, 1862,	4 00
Charles Rice, for lumber for repairs on Almshouse,	8 41
J. F. J. Mayo, for repairs on South School-House,	7 95
George G. Stevens, for repairs on Plain School-House,	3 94
E. H. Brigham, services of Victor and Union fire companies, of Natick, at the fire of Henry Woods' barn,	12 00
Solomon Flagg, for cash paid for school books for indigent scholars in North, North-West, and East schools,	2 64
Solomon Flagg, setting glass, and repairs on West school-house,	1 75
Augustus Stevens, services as selectman 2 days and other services,	4 86
G. W. Ryder & Co., for printing Town Report,	20 00
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, 6 months interest on Town's note, for $5,000,	150 00
George Gould, for cash paid for services of five engine men Newton Upper Falls,	25 00
C. S. Flagg, for cash paid for services of 13 engine men Newton Lower Falls,	65 00
William B. Mansfield, for painting guide-boards and posts,	1 00
G. W. Ryder & Co., for printing 500 copies of School Report,	12 00
Solomon Flagg, services as School Committee, 54 visits,	39 50
" " examining teachers,	75
" " making School Report, and journey to Natick,	1 25
Benjamin G. Kimball, for repairs on Centre school-house,	2 00
cash paid Eaton's express,	13
cash paid express on school books for schools in the East part of the town, from 1857 to 1862,	4 00
for services as School Committee for six months, and making out Report,	24 00
T. N. Smith, for putting up guide-posts,	2 50
for repairs on Centre school-house,	4 33
Moses Winch, plastering and white-washing West school-house,	4 25
E. K. Whitaker, for trimmings furnished for soldiers garments,	1 41
Solomon Flagg, for one-fifth of the damage awarded Noah Perrin for a cow killed by the Cattle Commissioners,	6 06

Galen Orr, services, 1½ days at Almshouse, from April 7th, to to July 7th, 1862,	$3 00
one day on roads and bridges, $2, proportionary highway money, $2. journey to Boston, $2 50, and other services $2 50,	9 00
Solomon Flagg, for interest paid Dedham Savings bank,	30 00
cash paid for insurance policy on Grantville school-house,	19 55
S. G. Williams, for services as selectman from March 3d, to July 7th, 1862,	10 75
Augustus Stevens, for services as selectman from March 3d, to July 28th, 1862,	15 00
John L. Lincoln, for repairs on Grantville school-house,	1 87
Samuel Chism, for printing 2,600 bill-heads for taxes,	15 00
George Jennings, for insurance policy on the Plain school-house,	23 60
E. C. Jenkins, for making return of six deaths,	60
T. N. Smith, for repairs on South school-house,	4 59
J. H. & F. F. Farwell, for printing 50 posters,	1 50
Hezekiah Fuller, for repairs on North school-house,	1 65
Solomon Flagg, J. M. Harris, and George K. Daniell, services as Assessors 107½ days,	215 00
Street book $3.50, Geo. Jennings for writing Collector's Warrant, and services 2½ days, $8,	11 50
R. Mansfield, for services one day,	2 00
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, for shingles for sheds at Almshouse,	9 40
Wright & Potter, for printing 500 receipts for State aid,	2 00
S. G. Williams, for services as Selectman from July 7th, 1862, to October 6th, 1862,	13 37
D. D. Dana, cash paid for music three evenings, to aid in recruiting volunteers,	30 00
G. W. Ryder & Co., for printing 100 copies of the Auditors interepretation of the Law, in aid of families of volunteers,	1 37
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, for 6 months interest on Town's note, to Oct. 8, 1862,	150 00
J. L. Tarbox, for repairs on South School-house,	7 00
J. W. Wright, for services as Town Agent, in the case of Dr. Grant, vs. the Town of Needham,	11 50
Galen Orr, for cash paid for music at two War-meetings,	22 00
refreshments for soldiers,	3 75
railroad fares	3 50
Officers for returning deserters,	7 20
hand bills,	1 50
making returns of soldiers to State House,	10 00
traveling expenses and time spent on first quota of 33 men,	25 00
time and expenses on second quota of 68 men,	55 00
Solomon Flagg, for services as Town Clerk, 6 months, from March 3, 1862,	25 00

George G. Stevens, repairs on Plain School-house,	2	81
Dexter Kingsbury, cash paid for printing notices, for Town Meetings and War-meetings,	11	37
H. E. Clapp, M. D., for services, examining and filling out seventy three Certificates of exemption from the Militia roll of the Town of Needham,	73	00
Horace N. White, repairing North School-house,	5	55
L. French & Co., lining and cleaning stove in Grantville School House,	3	50
Galen Orr, for stationery for Selectmen's office,	2	12
journey to Boston on military matters,	3	00
journey to see Commissioner on exemptions,	3	00
cash paid for printing 100 notices, writing and distributing the same,	4	00
attending to exemptions and notifying,	5	00
cash paid for use of hall,	2	00
refreshments for Dr. Clapp,	2	00
journey to Boston, finishing quota for Needham,	3	00
journey to Boston, respecting State aid,	3	00
Silas G. Williams, services as Selectman from Oct. 6, 1862, to Dec. 28, 1862,	21	00
Solomon Flagg, cash paid Dedham Savings Institution, for 6 months interest on Town note,	6	30 00
Augustus Stevens, services as Selectman from July 28, 1862 to January 1, 1863,	31	00
E. C. Dudley, for team to carry recruits to Readville,	1	50
S. G. Williams, stove pipe furnished for North School-house,	9	74
Marshall Newell, lumber and repairs on South School-house,	8	87
George Jennings, serving Town Clerks Warrant, furnishing for the Selectmen a list of poll tax payers, summoning Representative elect, and return of deaths for the year 1862,	29	21
Solomon Flagg, cash paid for a license for Town Agency,	20	00
Rufus Stickney, stove for Grantville School-house,	28	00
Buckley & Bancroft 6 chairs for the School-houses,	7	50
J. H. & F. F. Farwell, for printing 50 voting lists,	9	00
Reuben Ware, H. L. Stone and Bill Burrill 2d, investigating the affairs of the Alms-house, and making a report of the same,	9	00
Galen Orr, for services as Selectman from July 15, 1862, to January 31, 1863,	32	00
	$1,686	85

State Tax.

Solomon Flagg, cash paid State Tax,	3,884	00

DISBURSEMENTS IN AID OF FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS, BY THE TOWN, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1862.

Joseph Freeman,	$144 00	Israel Hunting, Jr.	31 43
George W. Snow,	34 85	Albert S. May,	31 43
Nathan M. Grover,	135 85	Allen Howland,	38 00
Isaac B. Pope,	25 41	William Willcutt,	21 86
James C. Coulter,	104 00	Isaac Collier,	60 00
Cornelius D. Smith,	52 00	John Monneghan,	58 40
Moses H. Bullard,	144 00	George Sargent,	21 14
Joseph H. Eayrs,	104 00	Patrick Walch,	17 43
Joseph L. Sears,	52 00	Samuel S. Wright,	21 14
William L. Tucker,		Samuel C. Richardson,	58 40
George McKinny,	74 56	Samuel S. Wheeler,	58 40
George Avery,	32 28	William W. Smith,	45 43
Artemas C. Ambler,	104 00	Charles H. Belcher,	38 80
Francis O. Brigham,	104 00	Hugh Cooper,	28 88
Thomas Bailey,	52 00	Joseph Guyot,	38 80
Samuel F. Richards,	69 69	Emery F. Hunting,	14 14
Daniel Murphy,	35 71	William H. Kingsbury,	28 28
Daniel Mahoney,	21 20	John P. Marshall,	38 80
Willard Hunting,	21 14	Wm. H. McLane.	28 28
Charles P. Knapp,	42 00	Charles Severance,	38 80
Albert A. Wood,	21 71	Joseph Snow,	58 00
Robert Hardie,	98 58	Wm. J. Rimmelle,	58 00
Joseph S. Manning	58 40	James Richardson,	21 00
William Herring,	44 80	John Brinnin,	30 56
Holland N. Batcheller,	52 80	William Moseley,	42 00
Rufus B. Carter,	38 00	John S. Coulter,	19 14
George Coulter,	38 00	John G. Whitmarsh,	15 71
Hugh Hammill,	13 71	Edward Lyon,	31 42
Ambrose P. Hatch,	27 42	Alvah P. Jones,	27 42
Willard H. Hotchkiss,	27 42		
William H. Morton,	38 00		$2,846 73
Timothy O'Ragan,	13 71	Wm. Fuller, town aid,	10 00

Due from the Commonwealth, for aid rendered the families of volunteers, to December 31, 1862, $2,846, 73

For the month of January, 1863, 468 50

RECAPITULATION.

Support of Schools,	$2,721 52
Repair of highways, by surveyors,	984 40
Repair of highways and bridges,	87 49
Removing snow,	116 18
Abatements, discounts and collection of taxes,	1,238 61
Support of poor in Almshouse,	837 29
Support of poor out of Almshouse,	630,57
Miscellaneous town expenses,	1,686 85
State aid to families of volunteers, from January 1, 1862, to February 1, 1863,	3,315 23
	$11,555 39

APPROPRIATIONS.

For building and repairing road and bridges,	$1,000 00
Deficiency in highway grant for 1861,	232 71
Support of poor.	1,800 00
Support of schools,	2,500 00
Discount, abatements and collection of taxes,	1,200 00
Miscellaneous town expenses,	2,000 00
	$8,732 71

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (int. paid to Oct. 8, 1862,)	5,000 00
Dedham Savings Bank, (interest paid to Jan. 5, 1863.)	1,000 00
Sulffolk " " note dated Aug. 5, 1862,	6,000 00
New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., note dated Sept. 23, 1862,	12,000 00
Elbridge Stevens, note dated Aug. 23, 1862,	200 00
John W. Greenwood, note dated Sept. 16, 1862,	200 00
Charles F. Wisner, note dated Sept. 19, 1862,	150 00
Israel Hunting, Jr., note dated Sept. 18, 1862,	200 00
George P. Wisner, note dated Oct. 1, 1862,	145 00
Pliny M. Jones, note dated Oct. 3, 1862,	200 00
William Jones, note dated Oct. 3, 1862,	200 00
Olive Colburn, note dated Oct. 15, 1862,	500 00

The following is a list of persons (as far as can be ascertained) who volunteered from the town under the first call—without Town Bounty.

George Avery,	Thomas Costellow,	Franklin M. Fox,
A. C. Ambler,	Joseph H. Eayrs,	Robert Hardee,
Anson B. Barton,	Joseph Freeman,	Gustavus H. Mann,
William Douglas,	William Gray, Jr.,	Wm. W. Smith,
Henry A. Fuller,	George McKinney,	Daniel B. Sawyer,
Nathan M. Grover,	Cornelius D. Smith,	Jason E. Upham,
Michael Murray,	F. J. Simpson,	John Martel,
Charles Peabody,	William L. Tucker.	Daniel Murphy,
Joseph L. Sears,	E. A. Wood,	Anderson Adams,
Geo. W. Snow,	Geo. N. Murray,	Stephen H. Adams,
George Richardson,	Thomas Bailey,	James E. Cameron,
John B. Walkins,	Frederick Bullard,	Michael Moran,
Moses H. Bullard,	James C. Coulter,	William Thompson,
Francis O. Brigham,	William Fuller.	

The following persons have enlisted in the service of the United States from this town, and received the bounty of $200, voted for that purpose.

FOR THREE YEARS.

James Corbett,	John Monneghan,	Joseph Snow,
L. B. Norton,	James Richardson,	William Rimmelee,
Isaac Collier,	Cornelius Kennedy,	Alfred Weston,
George Sargent,	Samuel C. Richardson,	Holland N. Batcheller,
Willard Hunting,	Charles P. Knapp,	Patrick Flannigan,
George L. Knapp,	David K. Hall,	George Beless,
William Willcutt,	Daniel F. Morse,	Patrick Walsh,
Jacob D. Coulter,	David F. Decater,	Samuel S. Wheeler,
Edwin Small,	A. A. Wood,	Channing Whitaker,
Joseph S. Manning,	Edwin Taylor,	William Herring,
S. G. Wright,	Martin Koch,	Elbridge Stevens.

FOR NINE MONTHS.

Charles F. Wisner,	J. G. Whitmarsh,	Dennis Crowley,
John W. Greenwood,	Walter Bailey,	Ambrose P. Hatch,
Henry Lyon,	Richard F. Boynton,	Timothy Ragan,
Albert S. Johnson,	Joseph Oaks,	Lewis N. Sumner,
Ezra N. Fuller,	Joseph Guyot,	Joseph E. Fiske.

Charles Newell,	Frederick Koff,	Robert McCloud,
John H. Johnson, Jr.,	Hugh Cooper,	George Coulter,
Albert Fuller,	John P. Marshall,	Allen Howland,
Edward Lyon,	Cyrus W. Knapp,	Emery F. Hunting,
Newell H. Dadman,	William H. Morton,	Henry M. Smith,
Israel Hunting, Jr.,	Willard H. Hotchkiss,	Hugh Burk,
William Moseley,	Rufus B. Carter,	Alfred H. Kinsley,
Albert S. May,	Samuel F. Richards,	Charles S. Pike,
John Brinnin,	Hugh Hamil,	Geo. W. Estabrook,
A. S. Hartwell,	William H. McLane,	William P. Bullard,
Thomas D. Bent,	Pliny M. Jones,	Daniel Barnes,
George F. Palmer,	Alvah I. Jones,	Merrill Sawyer,
Charles R. Severance,	Joseph H. Dewing,	Orlando Benson,
Gilbert H. Seagraves,	Charles H. Belcher,	John Orcutt,
George P. Wisner,	William L. Russell,	James H. Hall,
George B. Bancroft,	Wm. H. Kingsbury,	Alfred R. Glover,

BIRTHS, INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

The following statistics of Births, Intentions of Marriage, Marriages and Deaths, in Needham, are for the year 1862 :—

Whole number of Births,	77	Of American Parents,	27
Males,	39	Foreign,	49
Females,	38	American and Foreign,	1

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND MARRIAGES.

Whole number of Intentions of Marriage,	20
Whole number of Marriages,	14

DEATHS.

Whole number of Deaths,		47
Males,	26	
Females,	21	

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Consumption,	9	Croup,	2
Old Age,	4	Dropsy,	2
Diphtheria,	3	Bowel Complaints,	2
Hooping Cough,	3	Lung and Typhoid Fever,	2
Paralysis,	3	Other Diseases,	13
Drowned,	2		
Accidental,	2	Total,	47

AGES.

Under 1 year,	5	Between 40 and 50 years,	4
Between 1 and 5 years,	8	Between 50 and 60 years,	1
Between 5 and 10 years,	4	Between 60 and 70 years,	5
Between 10 and 20 years,	2	Between 70 and 80 years,	6
Between 20 and 30 years,	4	Between 80 and 90 years,	3
Between 30 and 40 years,	5		
			47

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

NEEDHAM, February 2, 1863.

The Committee chosen by the town of Needham to examine the condition and management of the Almshouse, made the following

REPORT:

The Institution is debited,	Dr.
The amount of supplies purchased by Warden,	$913 80
Salary of Warden for one year, to March 1st,	350 00
Rent, or interest on value of farm,	300 00
Interest on personal estate,	90 00
Improvement on farm, 32 rods wall,	40 00
Taxes on farm,	30 00
Amount in Warden's hands from last year,	45 23
Amount due from T. Saunders from last year,	31 37
Amount due from Leonard A. Kingsbury,	22 28
S. G. Williams' bill of coal,	17 00
Amount paid George E. Eaton for four funerals,	40 00
	$1,879 68

The Institution is credited—		Cr.
By bills in Warden's hands uncollected,		
Due for oxen,	$99 27	
" " potatoes,	5 25	
" " labor,	14 00	
		$118 52
By calf sold,		6 00
" cow and calf,		33 00
" cow and calf,		38 00
" 2 cows,		48 00
" calves,		24 00
" potatoes sold,		29 50
" eggs, "		8 13
" butter,		17 61
" straw,		11 90
" seed corn,		66
" use of bull,		25 00
" milk,		4 45
" barley,		10 00
" labor off the farm,		73 75
" poultry,		16 11
" pork,		42 79
" pigs,		10 00
" beans,		3 32
" beef,		25 18
" amount collected of T. Saunders,		31 37
" amount collected of Leonard A. Kingsbury,		22 28
" 165 meals furnished town officers,		33 00
" 466 " " transient persons,		93 20
" use of Town Hall,		60 00
notifying four town meetings,		24 00
lighting and warming hall and office,		6 00
inventory of personal property more than last year		57 23
Labor for the town off the farm,		16 86
		$889 86
Balance against the Institution,		989 82
		$1,879 68

Number of persons now in the house, 10.

Number of weeks board from February 15, 1862, to February 1, 1863, 688½; cost per week, $1.44.

The Committee express their satisfaction with the general management and appearance of the establishment, with the exception of the

piggery, and lock-up; the latter being in our opinion, a disgrace to the town, and the former we think should be removed to the basement of the barn.

REUBEN WARE,
H. L. STONE,
B. BURRILL, 2d,
} *Committee.*

LIST OF PERSONS

Who were Taxed for Real and Personal Estate in the Town of Needham in the year 1862. *Rate of Taxation,* $7.60 *on* $1000.

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
ALDEN, Francis E.,		$2 28		
1 dwelling house,	$150			
1½ acres improved land,	150			
Alden, Otis,		18 24		
Buildings,	900		$150	$1 14
22 acres improved land,	1000			
20 acres unimproved,	500			
Alley, John,		9 50		
Buildings,	450		69	52
13 acres improved land,	500			
17 acres unimproved land,	300			
Alden, Charles,		5 70		
½ building,	250		105	80
10 acres improved land,	400			
5 acres unimproved land,	100			
Alden, Rachel,		5 70		
½ building,	250			
10 acres improved land,	400			
5 " unimproved land,	100			
Ames, John V.,			81	62
Ames, Harriet R.,		17 48		
Buildings,	1900		70	53
1 acre improved land,	400			
Ambler, Harvey,			55	42
Avery Jonathan,		59 67		
Buildings,	2000		50	38
Dwelling H., K. Bridge,	600			
15 acres imp. land, Eaton place,	1500			
44 " unimp. " " "	1350			
39 " " " Fuller place,	312			
10 " improved " Kingsbury "	1000			
28 " umimp. " "	560			
½ " improved " Bullough "	30			
2 " unimp. " " "	50			
17½ " improved " Mitchell "	438			
Lot 104 Paine land,	12			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Ayling, Isaac,		$40 28		
Buildings,	$2700		$230	$1 75
Dwelling house, Reardon,	250			
11 acres improved land,	1650			
21 " unimproved land,	700			
Ayling, Charles H.,		42 18		
5 acres improved land,	1050		200	1 52
18 " unimproved land,	300			
Buildings,	2700			
" Forsyth,	900			
2 acres "	600			
Baker, George,		9 88		
Buildings,	1000			
¾ acre improved land,	300			
Baker, Abijah R.,		28 88		
Buildings,	2600		125	95
17 acres improved land,	1200			
Batchelder, John,		21 13		
Buildings,	1650		75	57
4 acres improved land,	600			
4 " unimproved land,	200			
18 " " " wood,	330			
Batchelder, H. S.,			1000	7 60
Barr, Thomas H.,		6 65		
Buildings,	250		6	5
7 acres improved land,	350			
12 " unimproved land,	275			
Bancroft, Hiram,		9 50		
41½ acres unimproved land, wood	1250		30	23
Berry, James,		12 01		
Buildings,	700		60	46
22 acres improved land,	880			
Bennett, William,			55	42
Beless, John,		4 56		
Building,	500			
1 acre improved land,	100			
Beless, Samuel,		76		
1 acre improved land,	100			
Beless, J. & T.,		24 32		
Buildings,	2000		151	1 15
" (shop,)	600			
8 acres improved land,	600			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Bird, Sarah K.,		$84 55		
Buildings,	$3300		$1617	$12 29
" (Bancroft,)	800			
24 acres improved land,	4800			
4 " " " meadow,	125			
8 " unimp. land, Father's lot,	150			
15 " " " with A. Kingsbury	350			
10 " " " Smith lot,	175			
73 " " " J. Kingsbury's lot	1500			
5 " " " with T Orr,	75			
11 " " " Fuller pasture,	350			
Blackman, Henry,		12 92		
Buildings,	750		288	2 18
12 acres improved land,	500			
28 " unimproved land,	350			
5 " improved land, meadow,	100			
Blackman, Henry, Jr.,		6 65		
Barn,	300			
12 acres improved land,	300			
8 " " " meadow,	200			
7 " " " low meadow	75			
Blackman, Augustus,		38		
2½ acres imp. land, Bird meadow	50			
Blaisdell, Charles,		9 88		
Buildings,	1100		300	2 28
1 acre improved land,	200			
Blaisdell, Ebenezer,		22 04		
Buildings,	850			
20 acres improved land,	1200		174	1 32
34 " unimproved land,	850			
Blanchard, Helen A.,		7 55		
1-3 Buildings,	600			
1 acre improved land,	200			
2-3 acre unimp. land, Flagg lot,	25			
2 1-3 " " " E. Fuller's lot	70			
1 acre imp., lot 42, Blanchard l'nd	16			
5-8 " " " 43, " "	16			
1 " " " 45, " "	16			
1 " " " 57, " "	16			
1 " " " 61, " "	16			
1 1-8 " " 64, " "	18			
Bowers, Sherman,		64 03		
Buildings,	2600		322	2 45
15 acres improved land,	1500			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate..	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Bowers, Sherman—continued.)				
14 " unimp. land, - - -	$700			
29 " " " Ellis lot, -	400			
12 " " " Fuller lot -	300			
6 " " " Richards lot, -	100			
10 " imp. " Kimball meadow	100			
10 " unimp. " Bond lot, -	250			
8½ " " " Parish lot, -	275			
19 " " " heirs L. Morse,	575			
3½ " " " Herring lot, -	50			
17 " " " Shepard lot, -	275			
12 " " " Onion lot, -	200			
10 " " " Felton lot, -	150			
17 " " " Kimball lot, -	250			
33 " " " Company lot, -	550			
6 " " " Josiah Smith lot	75			
5 " imp " N. Wilson, mead.	75			
Boschke, Mary L., - - - -		$34 20		
Buildings, - - - -	2000			
57 acres improved land, -	2500			
Boschke, A., - - - - -			$192	$1 46
Bowers, Walter, - - - -		6 84		
Buildings, - - - -	800		50	38
½ acre improved land, - -	100			
Bowen, Otis E., - - -		33 29		
Buildings, - - - -	1300		80	61
17 acres improved land, - -	680			
8 " unimproved land, -	200			
22 " imp. land, L. Kingsbury lot,	2200			
Brinnin, John, - - - -		6 84		
Building, - - - -	700			
2 acres improved land, - -	200			
Brigham, Joseph H, - - -			434	3 30
Buckley, Patrick, - - - -		3 42		
Dwelling, - - - -	300			
1 acre improved land, - -	150			
Bullard, Timothy, - - -		7 03		
Dwelling, - - - -	825			
½ acre improved land, - -	100			
Burnett, Andrew, - - - -		33 86		
Buildings, - - - -	2400		165	1 25
28 acres improved land, - -	2000			
7½ " " " Hoyt,	450			
Bullen, Rebecca, - - - -		16 53		
Dwelling, - - - -	1800		2000	15 20

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Bullen, Rebecca,—continued.				
1 acre improved land, - -	$200			
3-4 " " " - -	175			
Bullen, Marietta J., - - -			$2500	$19 00
Burrill, Bill, - - - -		$26 03		
Buildings, - - - -	1600		172	1 31
" J. Kingsbury place,	550			
2 acres improved land, -	400			
8 " unimp., Neck Bridge, -	200			
8 " imp., J. Kingsbury lot, -	550			
6 " " meadow, - -	125			
Burrill, Bill, 2d., - - -		39 14		
Buildings, - - - -	1225		399	3 03
36 acres improved land, -	1800			
24 " unimproved land, -	700			
35 " unimp. land, Fuller lot,	800			
18 " " " Woodcock lot,	550			
7 " " " Pine swamp,	75			
Burnham, John, - - - -		1 14		
1 1-8 acres improved land, -	150		42	32
Bullen, Ichabod, heirs of, - -		15 20		
Buildings, Hager place, -	500			
16 acres imp. land, " " -	600			
30 " unimp. " Bodge pl. -	650			
12 " " " Newell pl., -	250			
Carter, William, - - -		1 60		
6½ acres improved land, Avery,	210			
Cavnaugh, Michael, - - -		30 78	173	1 31
Buildings, - - - -	400			
75 acres improved land, -	2500			
50 " unimproved land, -	700			
31 " " P. Lyon lot,	450			
Carhart, William, - - -		23 56		
Buildings, - - - -	1450		100	70
8 acres improved land, - -	600			
14 " unimp. " wood, -	550			
19 " " " " -	500			
Cahill, Edmund, - - - -		7 22		
Dwelling, - - - -	550			
12 acres improved land, -	400			
Cartwright, James, - - -		15 58		
Buildings, - - - -	550		282	2 14
12 acres improved land, -	550			
24 " unimproved land, -	550			
9 " " " Ware l'nd	400			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Caldwell, Thomas,		$2 47		
2 3-4 acres improved land,	$125			
3 acres unimp. land, wood,	200			
Carter, Rufus, B.,			$30	$0 23
Carhart. Mary,			400	3 04
Cahill, Matthias, estate of,		4 03		
Dwelling,	330			
1 acre improved land,	200			
Carter, J. H. & Dudley, E. C.,		3 04		
Dwelling, McDaniels,	350			
½ acre improved land,	50			
Childs, Ashael B.,		24 32		
Buildings,	1700		171	1 30
23½ acres improved land,	1100			
15 acres unimproved land,	400			
Clark, William L.,		16 72	44	33
Buildings,	1400			
8½ acres improved land,	800			
Clapp, Theophilus C.,			1800	13 68
Clark, Hannah,		18 43		
Buildings,	800			
16 acres improved land,	1100			
17 " unimproved land,	425			
3 " improved land, meadow,	100			
Cotting, Elisha,			125	95
Cogswell, Samuel B.,		8 74		
Buildings,	950			
1¾ acres improved land,	200			
Coggshall, Timothy,			110	84
Costellow, William, estate of,		6 84		
Dwelling,	800			
1 acre improved land,	100			
Cochlan, William,			39	30
Corkery, Carl,		8 93		
Buildings,	450		80	61
1-8 acre improved land,	50			
1 " " " Carter,	150			
8 " " " L. Raymond	200			
13 " unimp, " "	325			
Conway John,			500	3 80
Corkery, Cornelius,		12 16		
Dwelling, Mills place	600			
Dwelling,	900			
¼ acre improved land,	50			
¼ " " "	50			

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Coulter, James C. - - -		$10 34		
Buildings, - - - -	$850			
6 acres improved land, - -	300			
14 acres unimproved land, -	210			
Colcord, J. M., - - -		32 68		
Buildings, - - - -	2400		$680	$5 17
18 acres improved land, - -	900			
50 acres unimproved land, -	1000			
Colman, John, - - -		10 26		
Buildings, - - - -	600			
25 acres improved land, -	750			
Collinson, Joseph - - -			70	53
Colburn, Richard, - - -		9 88		
Dwelling, - - - -	100		600	4 56
17 acres unimp. land, sprout,	250			
5½ " improved "	200			
2 " " No. side road,	100			
7 " " So. " "	350			
10 " unimp. land, Pond field,	300			
Colburn, Alfred, - - -		13 68		
71 acres unimproved land, -	1800			
Colburn, George, - - -		9 27		
20 acres unimp. land, Pine swamp,	400		300	2 28
13 " " " Woodward,	520			
6 " " " Poles Island,	175			
5 " imp., meadow, " "	125			
Colburn, Warren, - - -		15 81		
Buildings, - - - -	350		300	2 28
17 acres unimp. land, No. side road,	600			
6 " imp. " " " "	350			
9 " " " So. " "	450			
7 " " Kendrick's meadow,	180			
5 " unimp. land, Bird's hill,	150			
Colburn, Olive, - - -		36 10		
Buildings, - - - -	950		2650	20 14
20 acres improved land, - -	3200			
8 " unimp., Whitney lot,	300			
4 " imp., meadow, Bird's	125			
2½ " " " Blackman's	50			
5 " " " causeway,	125			
Conant, Marshall, - - -		22 42		
Buildings, - - - -	2200		630	4 79
6 acres improved land, - -	500			
3 " " " Hurd,	250			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Coulter, George E.,			$20	$0 15
Colburn, Ann,		$12 16		
12 acres unimp. land, Ellis lot,	$300		584	4 43
5 " improved, " meadow,	200			
30 " unimp. " Okinton lot,	600			
6 " " " Bond lot,	100			
18 " " " Newell past.	400			
Corkery, Carl and Bagley, Michael,		6 84		
14 acres improved land, Pettee lot	900			
Colburn, Joseph, estate of,			4000	30 40
Cross, Almy, and others,		21 28		
Dwelling,	2100			
1 acre improved land,	500			
1 " " "	200			
Crosby, Charles,			54	41
Crowley, Florence,		1 14		
2 acres improved land, Magee,	150			
Curtis John,		31 16		
Buildings,	3300		815	6 19
$1\frac{3}{4}$ acres improved land,	500			
$1\frac{1}{4}$ acre improved land,	300			
Darling, George F.,		6 65		
Barn,	200			
6 acres improved land,	600			
1 " " lot 21, Blanchard land	75			
Daniell, Timothy,		18 43		
Buildings,	1300		96	73
6 acres improved land,	800			
4 " unimproved land,	200			
8 " " " wood,	125			
Daniell, George K.		49 40		
Buildings,	2400		96	73
" Cottage,	650			
12 acres improved land,	2400			
22 acres unimproved,	1050			
Dana, D. D.,		20 90		
Buildings	1800		1172	8 91
11 acres improved land,	950			
Davenport, Josiah,		16 72	30	23
Buildings,	400			
Dwelling, new,	500			
15 acres improved land,	1000			
10 " unimproved land,	300			

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Davenport, Sarah,			$380	$2 89
Dewing, Seth,		$59 77		
Buildings,	$1500		545	4 14
Dwelling, new,	600			
75 acres improved land,	2565			
9 " " Smith lot,	400			
75 acres unimproved land,	2300			
6 acres improved land,	300			
7 acres unimproved land,	200			
Dewing, Joseph H.,		13 11		
23 acres improved land,	1725		100	76
Dewing, C. H. & G. W.,		42 56		
Dwelling,	1850		1125	8 55
¼ acre improved land,	150			
Building, store,	1550			
¼ acre improved land,	150			
Barn,	300			
Dwelling, new,	1400			
1-3 acre improved land,	150			
Carriage-house,	50			
Dewing, William,		8 51		
Buildings,	300		70	53
10 acres improved land,	300			
22 acres unimproved land,	300			
4 " improved, meadow,	100			
6 " unimproved, Quinn lot,	90			
2 " improved, meadow,	30			
Dewing, Warren,		51 68		
Buildings,	1450		1842	14 00
25 acres improved land,	3400			
18 " unimproved land,	1300			
6 " " Ridge hill,	175			
10 " " Pine swamp,	50			
2 " " Smith lot,	50			
1¾ " " Sargent lot,	75			
9 " improved, Broad meadow,	300			
Devens, Charles,		1 94		
Dwelling,	175			
1¼ acres improved land,	80			
Dimmick, J. C.,			150	1 14
Dieterich, Charles,		12 92		
Buildings,	800			
12 acres improved land,	600			
10 " " Blind lane,	300			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Dewing & Rice,		$24 32		
15 acres unimproved land,	1400			
35 " " Gorham pasture,	1800			
Dix, Elizabeth D.,		23 56		
Buildings,	1200			
Dwelling, new,	600			
12 acres improved land,	1300			
Dolan, Patrick,		14 44		
Buildings,	575		$122	$0 93
17½ acres improved land,	900			
17 " unimproved land,	425			
Duggan, Dennis,		3 42	36	27
Dwelling,	400			
1-3 acre improved land,	50			
Dudley, Ezra C.,		77 14		
Buildings, Carter place,	1700		293	2 23
Shop, Hyde place,	400			
Carriage-house,	100			
Dwelling, near stable,	1200			
" occupied by Guett,	400			
" occupied by Oaks,	1600			
Stable,	200			
Barn, on Raymond place,	25			
1½ acres improved land	300			
11 " " M. Colburn lot,	1400			
1 " " land,	300			
5½ " " " Carter lot,	350			
1 " " " Colburn lot,	300			
1 " " "	200			
11 " " Raymond & Co.	800			
26 " unimp. Kingsbury lot,	725			
Lots 5 and 6, Paine land,	75			
1 acre improved land, Crowley lot.	75			
Dudley, Charles E.,			1200	9 12
Eaton, Josiah,		9 88		
Buildings,	1150			
1 acre improved land,	150			
Estabrook, James,		23 94	283	2 15
Buildings,	650			
Paint shop,	50			
40 acres improved land,	2000			
23 " unimproved land,	450			
Estabrook, Elias,			97	74

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Eaton, George E.,		$12 16		
Buildings,	$1400		$402	$3 06
1 acre improved land,	200			
Eagan Patrick,			30	23
Eagan Bridget,		1 98		
1-3 Buildings,	110			
2 acres improved land,	150			
Eaton Augustus,		17 10		
Building,	1400		40	30
7 acres improved land,	700			
6 " unimproved,	150			
Eayrs, Wm. C.,		29 64		
Buildings,	2400		44	33
13½ acres improved land,	900			
10 " unimproved,	150			
6 " improved, Tolman.	250			
5¾ " unimproved, Wood,	200			
Emmons, Charles P.,		23 56		
Buildings,	1450		5,055	38 42
1½ acres improved land,	150			
5 " " meadow,	100			
6 " " P. Smith place,	600			
18 " unimp., " " "	800			
Estes, Nathan C.,		15 96		
Buildings,	800		56	43
8 1-3 acre improved land,	1300			
Evans John,			70	53
Farley, Gustavus,			1,100	8 36
Farley, Amelia N.,		19 76		
Buildings,	2200			
1 acre improved land,	400			
Fanning, Philip,		2 66		
Dwelling,	300		31	24
½ acre improved land,	50			
Field, Lucius,		3 80		
Dwelling,	400			
½ acre improved land,	100			
Fitch, Thomas,		4 56		
Dwelling,	575		39	30
Lot 99, improved land, Paine lot,	25			
Fitsgerald, Michael,		6 84		
Dwelling,	650			
1 acres improved land,	250			

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Fitch, Bridget,		$0 83		
Lots 86, 60, 87, 89, 109, improved land,	109			
Fisher, Lydia,		18 05		
Buildings,	675		$45	$0 34
Dwelling, Whitmarsh,	500			
12 acres improved land,	400			
42 " unimproved land,	675			
5 " " Whitmarsh lot,	125			
Fiske, Emery,		62 70		
Buildings	1,600		6,100	46 36
60 acres improved land,	3.450			
122 acres unimproved,	3.200			
Fisher, Albert A.,		8 36		
Buildings,	600			
2 acres improved land,	350			
3 " " Kingsbury lot,	150			
Fisher, Henry A.,			90	68
Flagg, Eben,		14 04		
Buildings,	650			
½ acre improved land,	100			
6 acres improved land,	550			
8½ " unimproved land,	550			
Flagg, Isaac,		10 83		
Buildings,	1,200			
1 acre improved land,	200			
1½ acres unimproved land,	25			
Flanders, Charles,			120	91
Flanders, Charles A.,		20 14		
Buildings,	1,600			
10 acres improved land,	750			
10 " unimproved land,	300			
Flagg, Isaac, 2d,		3 42		
Dwelling,	350			
2 acres improved land,	100			
Flagg, Charles H.,		10 94		
Buildings,	600		94	71
Dwelling, Gehling,	200			
9 acres improved land,	540			
1½ " unimproved land,	100			
Flagg, Solomon,		26 98		
2-3 Buildings,	1,300		199	1 51
Buildings, Mahoney,	150			
½ acre improved land,	200			

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(Flagg, Solomon—continued.)				
6 acres unimproved, Bullard lot,	300			
13 acres improved land, -	1,600			
Flagg, William, estate of, - -		$36 37		
Buildings, - - - -	1,200		$97	$0 74
13 acres improved land, -	2,300			
10 " unimproved, old place,	400			
13 " " Loker place,	500			
7 " " Dewing lot,	200			
5 " improved, meadow, -	75			
1-8 " " Cooledge lot,	5			
1-8 " " Methodist "	25			
Lots 74 and 75, Kingsbury land,	40			
Lot 76, " "	20			
Lot 64, Paine land, - -	20			
Flagg, Esther, ($500 exempt), -		2 09		
1-3 Buildings, - - -	300			
½ acre improved land, - -	100			
3 acres unimproved land, -	75			
10 " " " -	300			
Flannigan, P. O., - - - -			150	1 14
Flaherty, Michael J., - -		5 01		
Buildings, - - -	325		30	23
Lots 217, 218, 221, 226, 227, 240, 241, 283, 284, Holman, 192, 198, 199, Paine land, -				
7½ acres improved land, - -	335			
Flaherty, Ann, - - - -		1 18		
Lots 259, 219, 231, 238, Holman, " 189, 191, 204, Paine land,				
4½ acres improved land, - -	155			
Fogg, William D., - - -		6 46		
Buildings, - - -	800			
¾ acre improved land, - -	50			
Ford, Bart., - - - -		5 32		
Dwelling, - - - -	100		30	23
4 acres improved land, - -	300			
7 " unimproved land, -	300			
Freeman, William, - - -		9 88		
Buildings, - - - -	1,000			
3 acres improved land, - -	300			
Franks, E. S. & L. E., - -		16 34		
Buildings, - - - -	550		210	1 60
25 acres improved land, -	800			
39 " unimproved land, -	800			

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Frieimouth, Frederick, - -			$116	$0 88
Fuller, Edwin, - - - -		$7 60		
12 acres improved land, - -	$700		390	2 96
Lot 61, 62, 184, Paine land, -	300			
Fuller Asa, - - - -		17 33		
Buildings, - - - -	1,700		84	64
4 acres improved land, - -	300			
8½ acres unimproved land, -	150			
Lots G, Holman, 53, 54, 159, 160, 161, F, Paine land, -				
3¼ acres improved land, - -	580			
Fuller, Augustus, - - - -		38 00		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		788	5 99
43¾ acres improved land, -	2,200			
36 " unimproved, - -	1,100			
9 " " woodland,	200			
Fuller, Alvin, - - - -		17 48	123	93
Buildings, - - - -	1,400			
3 3-8 acres improved land, -	700			
13½ " unimp., Hundreds,	200			
Fuller, Hezekiah, - - - -		26 02		
Buildings, - - - -	1,700		115	87
10 acres improved land, -	1,750			
Fuller, Hezekiah, estate of, - -			1,700	12 92
Fuller, Jonathan, - - - -		30 22		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		313	2 38
26¼ acres improved land, -	1,200			
4 " " " meadow.	150			
33 acres unimproved land, -	1,100			
Fuller, Jonathan, Trustee, - -			700	5 32
Fulton, Thomas, - - - -		11 02		
Buildings, - - - -	550		111	84
4 acres improved land, - -	300			
18½ " " Kingsbury land,	600			
Fuller, Charles, - - - -		6 08		
Buildings, - - -	300		25	19
12 acres improved land, - -	500			
Fuller, widow Simeon, (exempt,) -				
Dwelling, - - - -	100			
½ acre improved land, - -	50			
Fuller, Spencer, estate of, - -		30 02		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		187	1 42
30 acres improved land, - -	1,500			
10 " unimproved " - -	300			

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(Fuller, Spencer, estate of,—continued.)				
8 acres unimp. and, Judd lot, -	$250			
8 " " Pine swamp,	100			
Fuller, Cath. C., - - - -		26 65		
Dwelling, unfinished, - -	400			
14 acres improved land, - -	475			
Fuller, Jona'hn, Granville & Augustus,		23 18		
Store buildings, - - -	2,500			
1 1-3 acres improved land, -	550			
Fuller, Andrew W., - - -		7 60		
Dwelling, - - - - -	900			
½ acre improved land, -	100			
Gay, Ada, - - - - - -		5 70		
18 acres unimproved land, -	450			
6 " " woodland,	300			
Gay, Geo. H., - - - -		22 19		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400		$266	$2 03
15 acres improved land, - -	450			
35 " unimproved land, -	600			
8 " " " -	320			
4 " " Dewing place,	100			
3 1-3 acres imp., Starr meadow,	50			
Gay, Rachel, - - - -		12 35		
½ Dwelling, - - - -	600			
½ acre improved land, - -	50			
12½ " " Palmer lot, -	900			
5 " unimproved land, -	75			
Gay, Jonathan, heirs of, - -		27 44		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,100			
31½ acres improved land, -	2,200			
7 " " Smith, -	300			
1-3 " unimp., Pitcher swamp,	10			
Geyer, John M., - - - -		9 12		
Buildings, - - - -	700		100	76
1½ acres improved land, - -	500			
* Gillow, Lorenzo D., - - -		4 94		
Buildings, - - - -	425			
1 acre improved land, - -	100			
4 " " meadow, - -	125			
Glancy, William, - - -		7 49		
Buildings, - - - -	150		30	23
25 acres improved land, - -	575			
2 " " Kingsbury land,	40			
6 " " Capen meadow,	120			
3 " " land, - -	100			

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Glancy, William, 2d,		$16 72		
Buildings,	$650		$70	$0 53
10 acres improved land,	400			
28½ acres unimproved land,	1,000			
5½ " improved, meadow,	150			
Glancy, Barnard,			300	2 28
Gould, Joshua J.,			1,200	9 12
Gorse, William,			6	5
Gray, William,		9 12		
Buildings,	600		59	45
8 acres improved land,	600			
Gray, James,		44 54		
Buildings,	2,150		617	4 70
4 acres improved land,	600			
Lots 142, 148, 101, 100, ¾ acre improved land, Paine,	86			
21 acres unimp., Brown land,	1,000			
5 " imp. Brook's place,	250			
20 " unimp., " "	400			
16 " improved, Gay place,	675			
45 " unimp., " "	700			
Green, George L.,		20 52		
Dwelling,	2,400		3,200	24 32
2-3 acre improved land,	300			
Griggs, John A.,		11 17		
Buildings,	450		103	78
18 acres improved land,	700			
16 " unimproved land,	320			
Grower, John P.,			30	23
Greenwood, Isaac H.,		9 12		
Buildings	1,100		30	23
¾ acre improved land,	100			
Greenwood, Abijah,		19 76		
Buildings,	1,000		342	2 60
10 acres improved land,	600			
23 acres unimproved,	700			
10 " " North hill,	300			
Greenwood, C. C.,			400	3 04
Greenwood, J. W.,			100	76
Green, Ellen M.,			2,500	19 00
Groce, Sally,			174	1 32
Guild, Nath. T.,		1 90		
1 acre improved land,	250		100	76

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Harrington, O. C.,		$16 72		
Buildings,	$1,200		$110	$0 84
15 acres improved land,	1,000			
Hanck, Christopher,		24 32		
Buildings,	1,000		70	53
25 acres improved land,	1,300			
25 " unimproved land,	900			
Hanks, Frank F.,			66	50
Harmon, Charles H.,		11 40		
Buildings,	1,200		30	23
4 acres improved land,	300			
Hatch, Ambrose P.,		1 14		
Dwelling,	100			
1 acre improved land,	50			
Hardy, George H.,		21 28		
Dwelling,	400		100	76
40 acres improved land,	1,100			
80 " unimproved "	1,300			
Harlow Alden,		20 52		
Buildings,	1,300		130	98
13 acres improved land,	1,400			
Harvey, Adiel,		66 88		
Buildings,	7,500		350	2 66
10 acres improved land,	1,300			
Harris, John M.,		33 06		
Buildings,	1,500		237	1 80
25½ acres improved land,	1,300			
31 " unimproved, "	950			
5½ " improved, Stevens,	600			
Harris, Wm. B.,			600	4 56
Haviland, Marcus,			25	19
Hatch, Freeman,		19 29		
Buildings,	1,600		31	24
1¾ acres improved land,	138			
23½ " unimproved "	800			
Hanchett, Peter S.,			1,500	11 40
Hanchett, Mary E.,		13 68		
Dwelling,	1,600			
½ acre improved land,	200			
Hardee, Robert,		3 80		
Dwelling,	300			
6 acres improved land,	200			
Harnden, Angeline C.,		15 20		
Dwelling.	800			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Harnden, Angeline,—continued.)				
Dwelling and barn, - -	$900			
1-3 acre improved land, - -	100			
2-3 " " "	200			
Hastings, Aaron, - - - -		$5 89		
Buildings, - - - -	550			
2¾ acres improved land, - -	225			
Hemmer, Loreni, - - -		12 54		
Buildings, - - - -	500		$60	$0 46
12 acres improved land, - -	600			
16 acres unimproved land, -	425			
12 " " Pine swamp,	125			
Heckle, William, - - -		62 32		
Buildings, - - - -	3,400		1,276	9 70
Dwelling, occupied by McLoud,	500			
12 acres improved land, - -	2.800			
20 " " Kingsbury,	800			
29 " unimproved, "	700			
Henderson, John, - - -			160	1 21
Horr, Luther, - - - -		14 44		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400		71	54
2 acres improved land, - -	500			
Hoogs, E. A. M., - - - -		45 60		
Buildings, - - - -	1,300		30	23
Dwelling, Bartlett, - -	700			
Dwelling, new, - - -	1,400			
4 acres improved land, - -	2,000			
1 " " " Bartlett,	300			
1 " " with new house,	300			
Howe, George, - - - -		11 02		
Buildings, - - - -	700		155	1 18
15 acres improved land, -	750			
Howland, George, - - -		65 93		
Buildings, - - - -	3,800			
Dwelling, occupied by Gould,	1,800			
17 acres improved land, - -	2,700			
4 " unimproved land, -	200			
½ " improved, near church,	175			
Howe, Henry L., - - -			346	2 63
Hunnewell, H. H., - - -		329 84		
Dwelling and barn, - -	21,000		51,710	393 00
Green-house, - - -	1,000			
Engine-house, - - -	300			
Barn, Sargent place, - -	500			
Carriage-house, - - -	100			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Hunnewell, H. H.—Continued.)				
Dwelling, occupied by Harris,	$1200			
Buildings, Kimball place, -	1,200			
29 acres improved land, - -	6,000			
70 " " East side road,	6,300			
27 " unimp., " " "	1,900			
1¾ " " Webber, -	200			
27 " improved, Kimball, -	3,300			
5 " unimp., " -	400			
Hunting, Timothy, - - -		$17 10		
Buildings, - - -	1,200		$168	$1 28
10 acres improved land, - -	1,000			
1 " unimproved land, -	50			
Hurd Willard, - - - -		23 56		
Buildings, - - - -	1,600		147	1 12
14 acres improved land, - -	700			
16 " unimproved land, -	600			
5 " " " -	200			
Hubbard, Anson, - - - -		17 86		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500			
4 acres improved land, - -	800			
Hurd, Reuben, - - - -		39 90		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		336	2 55
40 acres improved land, -	2,000			
40 " unimproved, - -	1,400			
1 " improved, meadow, -	50			
Hunting, Israel, - - - -		6 08		
Dwelling, - - - -	700			
½ acre improved land, - -	100			
Hyde, George, heirs of, - -		15 96		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500			
½ acres improved land, - -	200			
15 acres unimproved, Hundreds,	400			
Hyde, Ephraim, - - -			105	80
Jewett, Darwin E., - - -			175	1 33
Jennings, George, - - -		33 06		
Buildings, - - - -	3,200		4,000	30 40
5-8 acre improved land, - -	100			
Lots 2, 3, 4, 12, 22, 23, 31, 34, 41, 46, 49, 62, 63, 65, 72, Blanchard land, - - - - -	905			
Lots 39, 140, 141, 144, Kingsbury land, - - - - - -	145			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Jennings, Ethel,		$0 44		
1 acre imp. land, lot 58, Blanchard,	$50		$160	$1 21
½ " " " ½ " 69, "	8			
Jones, Miles,		6 08		
Buildings,	400		65	49
10 acres improved land,	400			
Johnson, John H.,			85	65
Johnson, David,			30	23
Jones, William,			122	93
Joy, John M.,		11 40		
Dwelling,	1,100			
½ acre improved land,	400			
Jones, Sarah,			2,634	20 02
KERR, William,		6 08		
Dwelling,	500		15	11
1 1-3 acres improved land,	300			
Kelley, Dennis,		3 01		
Dwelling,	250			
3 acres improved land,	150			
Keith, Charles E.,		96 90		
Buildings, Harvey,	2,500		800	6 08
Building, shoe manufactory,	1,700			
Dwelling, Tucker,	1,100			
Dwelling, Carter,	1,100			
Dwelling, Pearson,	700			
Dwelling, Murray,	450			
¼ acre improved land, Factory,	100			
¼ " " " Tucker,	100			
1 " " " Carter,	200			
1 " " " Pearson,	100			
½ " " " Murray,	50			
8½ " " " West side st.	1,700			
12 " " " East side st.	750			
1 " " " Harvey,	350			
13 " unimproved, " Geyer,	600			
3 " improved, " Common,	1,000			
¾ " " " McReading	150			
½ " " bet. com. & Prentiss	100			
Kenney, Patrick,		7 60		
Dwelling,	850			
1¼ acres improved land,	150			
Kinnaan, Thomas,			6	5
Kingsbury, Willard H.,			171	1 30

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Kingsbury, Wm. A.,		$68 21		
Buildings,	$1,000		$154	$1 17
62 acres improved land	5,600			
51 acres unimproved land,	1,400			
6 " imp., Causeway meadow.	150			
12 acres improved land,	400			
13 " unimproved land,	350			
1¾ " " Sargent lot,	75			
Kimball, William A.,		8 36		
2 acres improved land,	400		39	30
5 acres improved land,	700			
Kingsbury, Willard,		46 93		
Buildings,	2,000		297	2 25
40 acres improved land,	3,200			
17 " unimproved, Hundreds,	475			
20 " " near McCrackens,	500			
Kingsbury, Charles,		1 35		
Lots 92, 86, Kingsbury land,	60		3,100	23 56
Lots 27, 134, 181, Paine land,	55			
Lots 214, 211, 220, Holman land,	63			
Kingsbury, Luther A.,		22 04		
2 Barns,	300		75	57
4 acres improved land,	500			
10 acres improved land,	500			
30 " unimp., Grocers bank,	900			
6 " improved, Hannah Foster,	400			
3 " " Crosby,	300			
Kingsbury, John,		3 80		
5 acres unimproved land, wood,	500			
Kingsbury, Mary,		10 26		
½ Buildings,	600		30	23
10 acres improved land,	750			
Kingsbury, Lyman E.,		12 54		
Buildings,	1,400		100	76
2½ acres improved land,	250			
Kingsbury, Amasa,		8 36		
Dwelling,	300		50	38
¾ acre improved land,	100			
5 acres improved land,	200			
2½ " unimproved land,	40			
9½ " improved land, meadow,	150			
2 " improved, south of house,	50			
8 " unimproved land,	120			
3 " improved, Bullen meadow	40			
8 " improved, " "	100			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Kingsbury, George O.,		$7 60		
Dwelling,	$950		$125	$0 95
¼ acre improved land,	50			
Kingsbury, Lauren,		28 88		
Buildings,	1,460		1,371	10 42
11 acres improved land,	1,100			
6 acres unimproved land,	500			
41 " " Craft's pasture,	800			
Kingsbury, John 2d,		13 11		
Buildings,	650		92	70
9 acres improved land,	675			
16 " unimproved land,	400			
Kingsbury, George L.,		10 64		
Buildings,	700		101	77
4 acres improved land,	300			
9 " unimproved land,	225			
3½ " improved " meadow,	100			
1½ " " Rosemary mead.	75			
Kingsbury, Isaac M.,		9 73		
Buildings,	1,050		50	38
½ acre improved land,	150			
4 acres unimproved, Fuller lot,	80			
Kimball, Henry C.,		38		
½ acre improved land,	50		2,000	15 20
Kingsbury, Luther,		4 18		
Barn,	100		500	3 80
3½ acres improved land,	100			
8 " improved " Richards,	200			
8 " improved " "	150			
Kimball, Daniel, estate of,		82 46		
Buildings,	2,000		120	91
29 acres improved land,	3,500			
46 " unimproved,	1,400			
30 " improved land, pasture,	1,200			
37 " unimproved, Fiske,	550			
32 " unimproved, Pond field,	600			
10 " unimproved, Richardson	300			
8 " improved, Fuller & Mills	200			
21½ " unimproved, Lyon lot,	1,100			
Kingsbury, Lemuel,		40 58		
Dwelling,	1,400		9,969	75 76
" Cottage,	675			
" School-house,	600			
4 Glue shops,	550			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Kingsbury, Lemuel,—continued)				
½ acre improved land, - -	$200			
¼ " improved land, with cottage	75			
¼ " " with school-house,	50			
12 acres unimproved, Cushman,	500	—		
3½ " " Whitney,	100	—		
18 " " Poles island,	550	—		
3½ " " with A. Kingsb'y	100	—		
2 " " Long ditch,	50	—		
4 " improved, Gay estate, -	100	—		
½ " " Orr land, -	150			
7 " unimp., Bird's hill, -	200	—		
4 " " Pine swamp,	40			
Kingsbury, Dexter, - - -		$25 84		
Buildings, - - - -	900		$200	1 52
Store building, - - -	1,000			
6 acres improved land, - -	1,000			
1-8 acre " " with store,	100			
5 acres unimproved land, -	125			
5 " " with L. A. K.	250			
Lot 16, Kingsbury land, -	25			
Kingsbury, Sarah S., - - -		9 88		
Dwelling, - - - -	700			
4 acres improved land, -	600			
Kingsbury, Luther, estate of, - -		22 02		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,600			
¾ acre improved land, - -	150			
46 lots Bostonville land, - -	1,147			
Kingsbury, Asa, - - - -		62 89		
Buildings, - - - -	900		1,800	13 68
31 acres improved land, - -	5,000			
8 " unimproved land, -	800			
14 " " Bird's hill,	450	—		
14 " " with Bird,	350	—		
10 " " High Rock,	500	—		
3 " impr., Company meadow	100	—		
3½ " unimp., with Lemuel,	100	—		
4 " improved, Rosemary, -	75			
Kingsbury, Wm. D., - - -		5 32		
Dwelling, - - - -	600			
3 acres improved land, - -	100			
Kingsbury, Lucinda, - - -		5 89		
Dwelling, - - - -	200			
11¼ acres unimproved land, -	450			
3 " improved land, front,	125			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Klein, John,			$62	$0 47
Knapp, Sumner & Sons,		$38 38		
Buildings,	$2,000		186	1 41
36 acres improved land,	1,800			
32 " " " Hubbard,	600			
17 " unimproved land,	650			
Knapp, William H.,		11 02		
Dwelling,	1,300			
1-3 acre improved land,	150			
Lassman, Mary A. H. & Wheeler R.E.		16 72		
Buildings,	1,000		35	27
40 acres improved land,	1,000			
12 " unimproved "	200			
Lake, Flavius J.,		19 00		
Dwelling,	2,100		400	3 04
1¼ acres improved land,	400			
Lawton, William,		18 16		
Buildings,	1,250		45	34
36 acres improved land,	1,000			
7 " " " meadow,	140			
Leland, Harrison,		16 72		
Dwelling,	1,800			
1 acre improved land,	400			
Leslie, Irvill J.,		15 20		
Dwelling,	1,700			
½ acre improved land,	300			
Lee, John & Mark,		9 50		
Buildings,	900		36	27
2 acres improved land,	150			
8 " unimproved land,	200			
de Lesdernier, G. F.		12 16		
Dwelling,	1,400			
25,000 feet improved land,	200			
Lincoln, John L.,		28 12		
Buildings,	1,200		100	76
Dwelling, unfinished,	1,400			
Barn, "	200			
Shop,	275			
" land,	25			
½ acre improved land,	100			
2-3 " " " vacant,	200			
¾ " " "	300			
Libby, John A.,		22 80		

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Libby, John A.—continued.)				
Buildings, - - - -	$1,400		$156	$1 19
20 acres improved land, - -	600			
40 " unimproved land, -	1,000			
Lovewell, Charles B., - - -		$4 56		
Dwelling, - - - -	450		30	23
¼ acre improved land, - -	50			
¼ " improved land, - -	50			
¼ " improved land, - -	50			
Lovewell, Martha J., - - -		19 00		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		100	76
2¾ acres improved land, - -	500			
6 " " " meadow,	200			
Longfellow, Nathan, - - -		54 34		
Buildings, - - - -	2,800		1,691	12 85
Paper-mill building and wheel,	1,000			
" privilege, - -	600			
45 acres improved land, -	2,250			
13 " unimproved land, -	500			
Lyon, Elisha H., - - - -		1 14		
5 acres improved land, - -	150		700	5 32
Lyon, Elisha, estate of, - -		22 42		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		173	1 31
17 acres improved land, -	900			
7 " unimproved land, -	200			
5 " " " swamp,	125			
8 acres improved land, meadow,	150			
3 acres improved land, "	75			
Lyon, William, - - - -		33 82		
Buildings, - - - -	2,000		236	1 79
17 acres improved land, - -	850			
60 " unimproved land, -	1,600			
Lyon, Lemuel, estate of, - -		11 40		
Buildings, - - - -	1,050			
1-3 acre improved land, - -	450			
Malley, John O., - - - -		1 82		
Dwelling, - - - -	200			
1-3 acre improved land, -	40			
Mansfield, Robert, - - -		26 79		
Buildings, - - - -	850		100	76
Paint shop, - - - -	50			
Buildings, old place, -	400			
9 acres improved land, - -	450			
7 " unimproved land, -	210			
7 " improved land, -	300			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Mansfield. Robert,—continued)				
4 acres improved, Lyon meadow	$150			
4 " improved, Stevens "	100			
Buildings, Sevrance place, -	825			
2 acres imp. land, " -	100			
3 " unimproved, " -	90			
Mansfield. John, - - - -		$29 26		
Buildings - - - -	1,400		$486	$3 69
21 acres improved land, -	1,050			
32 " unimproved, land, -	900			
5 " improved, meadow, -	150			
20 " unimp., Harrington, -	350			
Mayo & Chamberlain, - - -			175	1 33
Mayo, J. F. J. - - - -		17 18		
Buildings, - - -	1,700		75	57
4 acres improved land, - -	500			
2½ " unimproved, wood, -	60			
May, Daniel, - - - -			30	23
4 acres improved land, Kingsbury	400	3 04		
May, Benjamin D., - - -		15 96		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		159	1 21
6½ acres improved land, -	600			
Marchant, Frederick, - -		26 22		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,800		40	30
" new, - - -	1,100			
Counting-house, - - -	50			
¼ acre improved land, -	200			
1 " improved land, -	200			
½ " " lumber yard, -	100			
Manning, Alvarez K., - -		20 52		
Dwelling, - - - -	600		36	27
14 acres improved land, -	1,500			
13 " unimproved land, -	600			
Mattel Antonie, Trustee, - -		18 62		
Buildings, - - - -	700		36	27
14 acres improved land, - -	1,400			
10 acres unimproved land, -	350			
Meehan, Daniel, - - - -		2 28		
Dwelling, - - - -	150			
2 acres improved land, - -	150			
Marshall, John, - - - -		13 68		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,200			
Blacksmith's shop, - -	200			
Wheelwright's, " - -	250			
¾ acre improved land, -	150			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
McCracken John,		$22 31		
Buildings,	$675		$1,079	$8 20
15 acres improved land,	700			
66½ " unimproved,	1,350			
6 " " Cleveland,	150			
Lots 87, 53, Kingsbury land,	60			
McCracken, Alexander,			30	23
McIntosh, Elsie, P.,		17 48		
Buildings,	1,600			
4 acres improved land,	700			
McDaniels, Edward,		4 56		
Dwelling,	450		6	5
1 acre improved land, Boynton,	150			
McKinney, John,		8 50		
Buildings,	550		40	30
10 acres improved land,	550			
Lots 44, 46, 1-3 of 42, Paine land,	18			
McIntosh, George C.,		18 24		
Buildings,	1,050		140	1 06
1 acre improved land,	150			
9 acres improved land,	1,000			
21 acres unimproved land,	200			
McIntosh, Charles,		12 35		
Dwelling,	1,600			
1-8 acre land,	25			
McIntosh heirs, Curtis,		29 64		
Buildings,	1,100		460	3 50
New Barn,	500			
36 acres improved land,	1,800			
6 " " Okinton lot,	100			
20 " unimproved land,	400			
McIntosh, Curtis,			500	3 80
McIntosh, James,		2 47		
30 acres unimp. land, Ellis lot,	250		24	18
8 " " Pine swamp,	75			
McIntosh, E. W.,		24 93		
Buildings,	700		250	1 90
Green-house,	100			
Shop,	200			
35 acres improved land,	1,600			
2 " unim., Chestnut hill,	80			
10 " improved land, meadow,	200			
4 " unimp., Pine swamp,	50			
12 " " near J. Fuller's,	350			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
McIntosh, Sylvester,		$0 65		
Lots 41. 31, 37, 33, 35, Paine land	$85		$90	$0 68
McIntosh, Mary,		1 52		
11 acres unimproved land,	200			
Meagher, John,		95		
Dwelling,	100			
1 acre improved land,	25			
Mills, John,		30 93		
Dwelling, occupied by Hunting,	550		15,603	118 58
" Webster place,	1,800			
½ acre improved land,	100			
6 acres unimproved land,	120			
10½ " unimproved "	150			
35 " " Gay lot,	650			
33 " " Pine swamp,	500			
1-3 acre improved, Webster pl.	200			
Mills, Matthias,		56 24		
Buildings,	2,000		6,330	48 11
Barn, near glue shops,	150			
4 Glue shops,	500			
Dwelling, Morse,	1,200			
" occupied by Rimmole,	450			
Shoe shop,	50			
7 acres improved land,	1,050			
10 acres improved land, Old place,	750			
20 " unimproved land, "	550			
½ acre improved land,	100			
½ acre improved land,	100			
14 acres unimproved, Slack lot,	350			
3 " " Newell lot,	150			
Minchin, John,		32 68		
Buildings,	2,000		131	1 00
26 acres improved land,	2,000			
12 acres unimproved land,	300			
Mills, Davis K.,		1 71		
5½ acres improved land,	225			
Mills, Peady R.,			600	4 56
Mills, Davis C.,		46 36		
Buildings,	2,000		31 10	23 64
11 acres improved land,	1,700			
5½ " unimproved, No. Hill,	225			
20 " " Cheney lot,	600			
4 " " Lewis lot,	150			
5 " " Lyon swamp,	125			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Mills, David C.—continued.)				
20 acres imp. land, Old place,	$1,000			
10 " unimproved, Old place, -	300			
Mills, Martha, & Pray, E. A., -		$5 47		
Buildings, - - -	350			
12 acres unimproved land, -	250			
6 acres improved land, -	120			
Morse, William, - - - -		15 39		
Buildings, - - - -	550		$135	$1 03
15 acres improved land, -	675			
20 " unimproved, wood, -	500			
15 " unimproved, -	300			
Morton, Otis, Jr., - - - -			1,400	10 64
Morse, Daniel, - - - -		26 41		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400		40	30
Shoe manufactory, - - -	900			
2½ acres improved land, - -	300			
1¾ acre improved land, - -	300			
2½ acres " on Lovewell st.,	200			
28 " unimproved land, -	375			
Morrill, Peter W., - - -			114	87
Morrill, Ruth H., - - -		34 20		
Buildings, - - -	2,100		826	6 28
1¾ acres improved land, -	600			
Dwelling, Sullivan place, -	300			
10 acres improved land, -	1,300			
6 " unimproved land, -	200			
Morton, Rebecca, & W. T. G. trustees,		69 73		
Dwelling house and two barns,	1,500		245	1 86
" cottage, - - -	1,700			
Barn, Noyes place, - -	200			
Dwelling, Bailey place, - -	300			
" Littleton place, -	500			
5 acres improved land, - -	1,500			
25 " " Noyes place,	2,500			
13½ acres unimp., " "	425			
¼ acre improved, Bailey place,	50			
10 acres " Littleton place,	500			
Monneghan, John, - - -		2 85		
Buildings, - - - -	225		25	19
2 acres improved land, - -	150			
Morse Oliver, - - - -		15 20		
Buildings, - - - -	1,700			
½ acre improved land, -	300			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Morton, Mary A.,		$2 66		
Dwelling,	$325			
1-8 acre improved land,	25			
Morton, Otis,		38 19		
Buildings,	2,400		$79	$0 60
Dwelling. Pond cottage,	550			
20 acres improved land,	1,750			
7 " unimproved land,	200			
7 " improved, meadow,	125			
Morse, Thomas E.,		9 12		
Dwelling,	1,100			
½ acre improved land,	100			
Mosely, William,		1 71		
6½ acres improved land,	225			
Morton, Otis, & C. W.,		6 84		
2 Glue shops,	600		300	2 28
10½ acres unimproved land, Parish,	300			
Murphy Jeremiah,		4 75		
Dwelling,	275		30	23
1-16 acre improved land,	50			
4 acres improved land, Carter,	300			
Murphy Jeremiah, and Patrick,		3 80		
4 acres unimp. land, Cahill,	350			
1 acre improved, Carter,	150			
Mulcahy, Jerry,		4 94		
Dwelling, Morton,	300		64	49
" Fitch,	250			
1¼ acres improved land,	50			
1¼ " " "	50			
Morse, Daniel, and Stevens Augustus,		2 28		
14 acres unimproved land,	300			
NEWELL, Marshall,		1 71		
8 acres unimproved land,	225		25	19
Newell Artemas,		31 54		
Buildings,	1,600		150	1 14
25 acres improved land,	2,000			
5 " unimproved land,	125			
3 " unimproved, wood,	150			
2½ " improved, meadow,	75			
5 acres improved, J. Kingsbury,	200			
Noyes, Josiah,		15 20		
Buildings	1,500		105	80
2 acres improved land,	500			

NAMES.	Value of Real Est ate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
Noyes, Clarissa, and F. M. E.,		$30 40		
Buildings,	$ 2,800			
2½ acres improved land,	1,200			
Noyes, Clarissa, and Slack, Sarah,		10 64		
10¾ acres imp. land, new road,	1,400			
Noyes, Francis M. E. and Slack, Sarah,		15 20		
12½ acres improved land,	2,000			
Noyes, Francis M. E.,		15 20		
Dwelling, Whitlow,	1,700			
½ acre improved land,	300			
Noyes, Edward, heirs of,		2 66		
20 acres unimproved land,	350			
Nye, William H.,		15 20		
Buildings,	1,600			
1¾ acres improved land,	400			
O'Brien, James,		6 08		
Dwelling,	500			
8 acres unimproved, land	300			
O'Neil, John,		6 08		
Buildings,	300		$115	$0 87
7 acres improved land,	400			
3 " unimproved land,	100			
O'Leary, James,		27 17		
Buildings,	12,00		270	2 05
32 acres improved land,	1,600			
17 " unimproved land,	575			
10 " improved, half meadow,	200			
Orr, Galen,		132 01		
Buildings, Parish,	2,500		2,198	16 70
7 acres improved land, Parish,	500			
4 " unimproved land, "	200			
9 " improved, opp. Cemetery,	900			
Dwelling, McIntosh,	1,150			
4¾ acres improved land,	500			
Dwelling, tenements,	1,300			
Slaughter-house,	150			
Hinge factory,	700			
Water privilege,	900			
Dwelling, red,	700			
3½ acres improved land, Lyon,	300			
Dwelling, white,	400			
Dwelling, small red,	400			
Grist-mill, building and wheel,	700			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Orr, Galen,—continued.)				
Water privilege, - - -	$1,200			
4 acres unimp. land, Ch. hill, -	150			
8 " improved land, T. Orr,	350			
25½ " " " Colburn,	3,125			
15 " unimproved, "	1,125			
3¾ " " North hill,	120			
Orr, Albert, - - - -		$4 94		
½ Dwelling, - - - -	600			
½ acre improved land, - -	50			
Orr, Thomas, - - - -		13 30		
Buildings, - - - -	1,350		$26	$0 20
10 acres improved land, - -	325			
5 acres unimproved land, wood,	75			
PARKER, Richard, - - - -		9 67		
Buildings, - - - -	950		42	32
2½ acres improved land, - -	200			
Lots 190, 196, Paine land, -	110			
Lot 35, Kingsbury land, -	12			
Patten, C. B. - - - -			1,631	12 40
Palmer, George W., - - -		22 23		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,700			
1¾ acres improved land, - -	600			
1½ acres improved land, - -	500			
½ acre improved land, Haven lot,	125			
Parish, First, Needham, - -		2 28		
9 acres unimproved land, -	300			
Perry, Calvin, - - - -		15 96		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,800		89	68
1 acre improved land, - -	300			
Perrin, Noah, - - - -		26 60		
Buildings, - - - -	2,200		675	5 13
1½ acres improved land, - -	500			
One-half lots, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 5½ acres with L. R. Nichols, - -	550			
12 acres unimp., land, Stevens,	250			
Peabody, Ezekiel, - - -			1,030	7 83
Pierce, Wm. Jr., - - - -			300	2 28
Pierce, William, - - - -		45 79		
Buildings, - - - -	900		315	2 39
Barn, old place, - - -	200			
24 acres improved land, -	1,250			
60 " unimproved " -	1,500			

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.
(Perrin, Noah,—continued.)				
37 acres improved land, -	$1,400			
35 " unimproved, - -	700			
10 " improved land, meadow,	75			
Piper, Elijah, - - - -		$12 16		
20 acres improved land, - -	1,000		$160	$1 22
20 " unimproved land, -	600			
Pierce, George J., - - -			250	1 90
Pickering, Oliver, - - -			60	46
Post, Barbara, - - - -		17 33		
Buildings, - - - -	900		156	1 19
20 acres improved land, - -	1,000			
6 " unimproved land, -	180			
2 " improved, Welson, -	100			
3 " unimproved, " -	100			
Pratt, Anna K., - - - -		8 44		
½ Building - - -	600			
1¼ acres improved land, -	150			
9 " unimproved, wood, -	360			
Purcell, Thomas, - - -		7 22		
Dwelling, - - - - -	300		69	52
17 acres improved land, "	650			
Pulcifer, John, - - - -		11 40		
Dwelling, - - - -	1,300			
½ acre improved land, - -	200			
Quinn, Terrence P., - - -		5 13		
Buildings, - - - -	200		25	19
15 acres improved land, - -	225			
9 acres improved land, -	250			
Revere, George, - - -		55 48		
Buildings - - - -	2,000		105	80
14 acres improved land, - -	2,100			
Nehoiden hall building, -	1,100			
1 acre improved land, - -	200			
13 acres improved, Bullough,	400			
Dwelling, occupied by Brigham,	1,300			
1 acre improved land, - -	200			
Rice, Charles, Jr., - - -		33 63		
Dwelling, - - - -	2,900		581	4 42
2¾ acres unimproved land, -	1,500			
Lot 85, Paine land, - -	25			
Richardson, Samuel C., - -		4 18		
8 acres unimproved land. -	550		850	6 46

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Richards, Joseph,		$10 34		
Buildings,	$4 50		$66	$0 50
9 acres improved land,	360			
12 acres unimproved land,	415			
8 acres unimproved, land	125			
Richard, John E.,		4 18		
Dwelling,	450		12	9
1 acre improved land,	100			
Richardson, George V.,		6 08		
Buildings,	500		61	46
4 acres improved land,	150			
6 " unimproved land,	150			
Richardson, Benjamin, 2d,		9 12		
Buildings,	650			
15 acres improved land,	550			
Rice, Charles,		166 06		
Buildings,	2,200		1,300	9 88
8¾ acres improved land,	2,500			
13½ " unimproved land sprout,	350			
Buildings, Pratt farm,	1,550			
40 acres imp. land, Pratt farm,	6,000			
37 acres unimp. land, "	1,100			
Dwelling, sch. house,	800			
" three story,	2,300			
Blacksmith's shop,	500			
¼ acre improved land,	100			
Carpenter's shop,	500			
1-8 acre improved land,	100			
20 acres unimp. land, wood,	450			
16 " " " Pratt,	800			
Grist and Planing Mill,	700			
Water privilege,	700			
Paint factory,	1,200			
Richardson, Benjamin, estate of,		4 18		
7 acres improved land,	350		1,500	11 40
7 " unimproved land,	200			
Rotchford, John,		23		
Lot 106, Kingsbury land,	30		30	23
Russell, Joseph H.,		6 08		
Dwelling,	700			
½ acre improved land,	100			
Rogers, Charles B.,		53 01	364	2 77
Buildings,	3,200			
25 acres improved land,	1,750			

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(Rogers, Charles B.,—continued.)				
15 acres unimproved land, -	$375			
19¾ " " High Rock,	600			
10 " " wood, opp. House	750			
10 " " " adjoining past.	300			
Russell Joseph, - - - -		$15 58		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		$90	$0 68
1½ acres improved land, - -	150			
9 " unimproved, Sol. Fuller,	175			
Dwelling, Smith place, - -	100			
¼ acre improved land, Smith pl.	25			
1¼ acres " " D. Morse,	100			
Russell Michael, - - - -		1 90		
Dwelling, - - -	150			
1 acre improved land, - -	100			
Ryan, Thomas, estate of, - -		8 36		
Buildings, - - - -	300		80	61
8 acres improved land, - -	600			
8 " unimproved land, -	200			
Sargent, George, - - -			21	16
Saunders, Thomas, - - -		20 52		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		136	1 03
8 acres improved land, - -	500			
14 " unimproved land, " -	400			
Sawyer, John, - - - -		48 15		
Buildings, - - - -	4,000		259	1 97
6 acres improved land, - -	1,000			
5 " unimproved land, -	500			
Dwelling, new, - - -	800			
Nos. 38, 40, 2-3 42, Paine land,	35			
Sawyer, Charlotte, - - -		13 22		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400		675	5 13
¾ acre improved land, - -	300			
1¾ acres unimp., adj. town farm,	40			
Severance, C. R., - - -			29	22
Seagraves, Saul S., - - -			69	52
Seagraves, Gilbert H., - - -		16 72		
Buildings, - - - - -	700			
4 acres improved land, - -	200			
38 acres improved land, -	1,100			
12 " unimproved land, -	200			
Senior, Catherine, - - -		13 68		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400			
1 acre improved land, - -	400			

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Scudder, Marshall S.,		$85 12		
Buildings,	$5,500		3,417	$25 97
24 acres improved land,	3,800			
2½ " improved, Whiting,	700			
35 " unimproved, Slack,	800			
Dwelling, cottage,	400			
Shaw, Robert,		5 32		
Dwelling,	450		30	23
6 acres improved land,	250			
Shaw Stone & Ayling,		5 32		
Building, wigwarm,	400			
1 acre improved land,	300			
Shaw John,		75 41		
Buildings,	5,600		219	1 66
7 acres improved land,	2,000			
1 acre imp. land, cor. Lovell st.,	150			
1 " " " near Ayling's,	275			
1 " " " Collins,	600			
17 lots Paine land,	359			
4 lots Kingsbury land,	88			
Dwelling, occupied by Maear,	300			
¾ acre improved land,	50			
Dwelling, occupied by Newman,	450			
¾ acre improved land,	50			
Simonds, George S.,		12 54		
Buildings,	800			
7 acres improved land,	500			
13 " unimproved land,	350			
Slack, Thomas W.,		7 60		
2 acres improved land,	500		50	38
14 " unimp. land, Richardson,	350			
2½ " " " Ch. hill,	150			
Slack, Catherine and Sarah,		6 46		
¾ acres improved land,	650			
5 " unimproved land,	200			
Smith, Susan M., trustee,		15 58		
Buildings,	1,250			
6 acres improved land,	800			
Smith, Susan M.,			1,600	12 16
Smith, E. Marietta,			1,600	12 16
Smith, Solomon F.,		54 34		
Buildings,	2,200		740	5 62
94 acres improved land,	4,000			
10 " unimproved land,	750			

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(Smith, Solomon F.—continued.)				
1 acre unimproved land, -	$25			
4 " " " Hundreds,	75			
5 " " Pine swamp,	100			
Smith George, - - - -			$300	$2 28
Smith, Leonard, - - - -		$22 04		
Buildings, - - - -	1,050		260	1 98
16 acres improved land, - -	800			
18 " " " plain,	1,000			
3 1-3 acres " " Starr mead.,	50			
Smith, Ralph, - - - -		3 04		
Dwelling, - - - -	250		29	22
3 acres improved land, - -	150			
Smith, Newell, - - - -		7 22		
Buildings, - - - -	650			
2 acres improved land, - -	150			
4 " unimproved land, -	150			
Smith, Ebenezer, - - -		8 36		
Dwelling, - - -	400			
4 acres improved land, - -	700			
Smith, Rachel, ($500 exempt). -		1 90		
Buildings, - - - -	400			
13¼ acres unimproved land, -	350			
Southwick, Thankful, - - -			826	6 28
Southwick, Joseph, - - -		24 59		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		20	15
8 acres improved land, - -	1,400			
½ lot 40, ½ lot 103, Kingsbury ld.	35			
Spring, George, - - - -		32 68		
Buildings, - - - -	2,300		87	66
½ acre improved land, - -	100			
Dwelling, Moulton, - -	1,600			
1 3-8 acres improved land, -	300			
Stevens, Horace, - - - -		2 28		
20 acres unimpr. land, Hundreds,	300		$5,000	38 00
Stevens, Augustus, - - -		8 17		
Buildings, - - - -	900		50	38
¾ acre improved land, - -	150			
1-3 " improved land, meadow,	25			
Stevens, Augustus, guardian, -		2 28		
7 acres improved land, meadow,	300		1,000	7 60
Stevens, Franklin, - - -		48 64		
Buildings, - - - -	2,150		16,46	12 51
45 acres improved land, -	2,000			
58 " unimproved " -	1,500			

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(Stevens, Franklin,—continued)				
12 acres unimproved land, -	$600			
Dwelling, small, - - -	150			
Stevens, Eliza, - - - -		$7 60		
Buildings, - - - -	900			
½ acre improved land, -	100			
Stevens, George G., - - -		32 87		
Buildings, - - - -	1,300		$825	$6 27
12½ acres improved land, -	1,300			
65 acres unimproved land, -	1,600			
6 acres improved land, meadow,	125			
Stedman, William M., - - -		47 88		
Buildings, - - -	2,000		897	6 82
40 acres improved land, - -	2,800			
10 acres unimp. land, wood, -	1,000			
Dwelling, small, - -	300			
1 acre improved land, Parish,	200			
Stedman, Frank F., - - -		37 24		
Barn, - - - - -	1,500		264	2 01
48 acres improved land, - -	3,000			
12 " unimproved land, -	300			
2 " " " McIntosh	100			
Stanwood, E. H., - - -			710	5 39
Stone, Daniel, - - - -			30	23
Stewart, William, - - -		3 42		
Dwelling, - - - -	300		21	16
1 acre improved land, -	150			
Stone, Henry L., - - -		87 59		
Buildings, - - - -	6,500		279	2 12
Grapery, - - - -	100			
18 acres improved land, - -	2,500			
18 " unimproved land, -	650			
6 acres improved land, meadow,	500			
Dwelling, occupied by Allen,	600			
" " " Noonan,	300			
5 lots Kingsbury land, -	105			
5 " Paine land, - -	135			
4 " Holman land, - -	135			
Stone, H. L. & Shaw, J. W., -		76		
¾ acre improved land, - -	100			
Stevens, Sarah, - - - -			400	3 04
Sullivan, Thomas, - - - -		9 12		
Dwelling, - - - -	900			
2 acres improved land, - -	300			
Sturtevant, J. D., - - - -			130	99

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Sullivan, John,		$3 04		
Dwelling,	$300			
½ acre improved land,	100			
Sullivan, John 2d,		3 04		
Dwelling, Carter & Dudley place	350			
½ acre improved land,	50			
Sullivan, Timothy,		14 82		
Buildings,	1,500		$25	19
3 acres improved land,	450			
Sullivan, Michael,		5 70		
Buildings	600		15	11
2 acres improved land,	150			
Sumner, Lewis,		28 12		
Buildings,	1,500		266	2 02
20 acres improved land,	1,100			
37 " unimproved land,	1,100			
Stoyle, Sophia,		7 98		
Buildings,	400			
5 acres improved land,	300			
17 " unimproved land,	350			
Tappan, Amelia,		11 40		
Dwelling,	1,200			
1 acre improved land,	300			
Tarbox, James L.,		45 60		
Buildings,	2,700		297	2 26
42 acres improved land,	2,000			
110 acres unimproved land,	1,300			
Thompson, John,		3 42		
Dwelling,	350			
1 acre improved land,	100			
Tibbetts, William H.,		12 60		
Dwelling,	1,400			
½ acre improved land,	200			
Town, Hosea,			111	84
Trainor, Arthur,		4 18		
Buildings,	200		30	23
7 acres improved land,	350			
Tucker, Nathaniel H.,		22 34		
Buildings,	875		85	65
7 acres improved land,	450			
11 " unimproved land,	275			
17 " imp. meadow and wood,	340			
25 " improved land, Bacon,	1,000			

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Tenny, Phelina,		$41 80		
Dwelling,	$1,600		$80	$0 60
1 acre improved land,	400			
Dwelling and Barn.	2,000			
9 acres improved land,	1,500			
Turner, Edwin,		8 36		
Buildings.	1,000		100	76
½ acre improved land,	100			
Turner, John,		13 60		
Buildings,	550		136	103
20 acres improved land,	800			
8 " unimproved land,	300			
Dwelling, small,	100			
1 acre improved land,	40			
Upham, Cyrus G.,			109	83
Varney, Henry P.,		12 60		
Buildings,	1,400			
¾ acre improved land,	200			
Warren, Daniel,		7 60		
Buildings,	750		66	50
1½ acres improved land,	250			
Ware, Daniel,		12 92		
½ Dwelling,	350		86	65
Barn and shop,	150			
10½ acres improved land,	1,200			
Ware, Reuel,		30 59		
Buildings,	1,300		235	1 79
52 acres improved land,	1,900			
8 acres unimp. land,	600			
10 " " " swamp	225			
Ware, Dexter, estate of,		59 43		
Buildings,	2,000		3,196	24 29
Dwelling, cottage,	650			
17 acres improved land,	4,000			
1½ " " "	450			
6 " unimp., Hundreds,	120			
6 " " Father's lot,	400			
1 " " P. Lyon,	75			
3 " " Slocumb,	125			
Ware, Ruel, and estate, Dexter,		1 14		
6 acres unimp, land, Kimball,	150			

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Ware, Reuben,		$72 69		
Buildings,	$3,800		$60	$0 46
Dwelling, small,	200			
10 acres improved land,	2,000			
23 " unimproved land,	700			
8 " " Pitcher swamp,	50			
1 " lot 5, Thurston land,	150			
1 " lot 7, " "	150			
¾ " lot 1, Ferris "	300			
1¼ " lot 3, " "	300			
1¼ " lot 4, " "	300			
1 " lot 14, " "	125			
1 " lot 16, " "	125			
1 1-3 acres, No. 11, Miller land,	100			
1 " " 13, Bancroft,	100			
1 " " 17, "	80			
1 " " 2, "	300			
1 " " 6, "	150			
21 acres unp. land, Spruce swamp	300			
½ " " " Ridge hill,	10			
10 " " " Pine swamp,	150			
7 " " " Dewing,	175			
Ware, William S.,			338	2 57
Ware Elijah,		2 28		
Dwelling,	250			
2 acres improved land,	50			
Waidner, L. F.,		5 64		
Buildings,	500		55	42
4 lots Holman land,	195			
3 " Paine land,	47			
Washburn, G. W. C.,		36 48		
Buildings,	3,800		150	1 14
4¼ acres improved land,	800			
1 acre, two house lots,	200			
Wakefield, John,			30	23
Wakefield, Mary L.,		1 52		
Dwelling,	150			
1 acre improved land,	50			
Watkins, John,		19 19		
Dwelling,	1,700		2,030	15 43
5 acres improved land,	700			
4 acres unimproved land,	125			
Whittier, E. K., guardian,			3,500	26 60
Winch, Enoch, B.,			870	6 61

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Webber, Aaron, D., - - -		$77 41		
Buildings, - - - -	6,200		$95	$0 72
Dwelling, small, - - -	300			
9 acres improved land, -	1,800			
21 " " " Darling,	1,260			
11¼ " " " Smith,	600			
3 " " " Perry,	25			
Welsh, James, - - - -		2 89		
Dwelling, - - - -	350			
½ lot 105, Kingsbury land, -	30			
Webber, Henry, - - - -		9 12		
Buildings, - - - -	1,100		75	57
3¼ acres improved land, - -	100			
Weston, Nathan, Jr., - - -		19 19		
Buildings, - - - -	1,500		90	68
20 acres improved land, -	825			
10 " unimproved land, -	200			
Whitaker, E. K., - - - -		19		
1 acre improved land, meadow,	25		36	27
Winsor, Whitman, S., - - -		9 12		
Dwelling, - - - -	500			
7 acres improved land, -	700			
Wing, John A., - - - -		23 18		
Buildings, - - - -	1,550		525	3 99
20 acres improved land, -	1,200			
10 acres unimproved land, -	300			
Winship, Daniel, - - -		16 72		
Buildings, - - -	400		180	1 37
20 acres improved land, - -	1,050			
15 acres unimproved land, -	700			
1 acre improved land, mead. -	50			
Winship, Francis, - - -		3 42		
Dwelling, - - - -	300			
2 acres improved land, - -	150			
Williams, Silas, - - - -		16 72		
Buildings, - - - -	1,400			
2 acres improved land, - -	800			
Wilder, Charles, T., - - -			100	76
Wisner, John G., - - -		8 36		
Dwelling, - - - -	950			
1-3 acre improved land, - -	150			
Winch, Moses, - - - -		6 08		
Dwelling, - - - -	700			
½ acre improved land, - -	100			

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Winch, Elizabeth, D., - - -			$500	$3 80
Wilson, Lucy, L., - - - -			1,000	7 60
Wood, Henry, - - - -		$66 50		
Buildings, - - - -	1,800		5,024	38 18
Color Manufactory, two buildings	3,000			
Dwelling, small, - - -	200			
" slate roof, - -	900			
Building, brick manufactory,	200			
" for drying, - -	350			
8 acres improved land, -	400			
Water privilege, 2 acres, -	1,300			
15 acres improved land, on plain,	600			
Wright, Joseph W., - - -		13 87		
2-3 Buildings - - -	1,200		550	4 18
2 acres improved land, - -	400			
1 acre, lot 7, Taylor, - -	150			
5-8 " ½ lot 15, Bacull, -	75			
Wright, Caldwell, - - -		7 60		
Dwelling, - - - -	650			
5½ acres improved land, -	350			

LIST OF PERSONS

ASSESSED ONLY A POLL TAX.

Adams, Francis, M.
Allen, James
Allen, John
Alger, Henry A.
Ambler, Harvey A.
Ambler, William F.
Ambler, Horace E.
Atwood, Edward S.
Avignon, Peter,

Barnes, Daniel,
Barton, W. H. H.
Barton, Leonard,
Barrett, Cornelius D.
Barr, Henry L.
Batchelder, H. N.
Barr, Benjamin,
Barnard, Granville,
Bartz, John
Beless, Thomas
Beless, James
Beless, Joseph,
Bent, Thomas.
Berkley, Daniel
Blatchford, John S.
Bowers, Henry
Bowers, Walter, 2d
Bowers, Edgar.
Bonneville, M. A.
Brown, Robert,
Burrill, Francis A.

Cahill, James
Cahill, Andrew
Cameron, John
Carman, Daniel
Carrigan Michael
Chapman, J. E.
Cheney, George H.
Cleland, William
Clark, Henry
Claridge, James
Cleveland, N. S.
Connell, Timothy
Coleman, Timothy
Coaldwell, Hiram
Coaldwell, Samuel
Cooper, James
Costellow, William
Costellow, Michael,
Cochlan, Michael
Colyer, Isaac
Colbert, John
Coulter, John S.
Coulter, John S. jr.
Creed, John
Crowley, Dennis
Curtin, Michael
Crowley, Timothy

Daisey, John
Daisey, Thomas
Daniell. M. Grant
Dana, William J.
Dailey, Brine
Decatur, D. F.
Dewing, George W.
Dewing, C. H.
Desmond, Dennis
Dickinson, H. A.
Douglass, William,
Dolan, Michael
Dolan, Terence
Dunn, Michael
Durbin, John,
Duggan, John
Dresser, S. M.
Dresser, S. H.

Eaton, Henry P.
Eaton, Everett J.
Eaton, William
Eayrs, Henry H.
Evans, John, 2d
Everett, Oliver,

Fisher, Charles
Fiske, Edward
Fitzgerald, John
Fiske, Joseph E.
Fisher, Allen
Finn, Wm. H.
Flagg, Wm. H.
Flannigan, Patrick
Flynn, Timothy,
Flaherty, Timothy
Flagg, Samuel B
Foley, Thomas
Fogerty, James
Forsyth, Hugh
Ford, James
Ford, Bartholomew
Frost, John
Freeman, Joseph
Franks, E. S.
Franks, L. E.
Fuller Reuben
Fuller, Ezra, Jr.

Gannon, James
Gardner, George
Garfield, John H.
Georke, Cha's. Auguste
Gergin, Michael
Geutt, Joseph
Gehling, Joseph
Gillow, John P.
Glancy, John
Grover, Frederick P.
Glennon, Patrick,
Gould, Daniel F.
Gorse, Joseph
Green, John,
Green, William B.

Harris, F. L.
Hamlet, M. V. B.
Harmon, Henry
Hagerty, Peter
Hastings, Dana
Healey Thomas
Hathaway, James E.
Haley, Patrick
Hemminway, Elbridge
Herring, Wm. D.
Henderson, David
Heath, I. M.
Heath, Lucien
Hinton, David.
Hines, Charles A.
Hill, Aaron M.
Horr, William
Howe, Gideon,
Hoogs, George W.
Hoogs, George W., Jr.

Hoogs, Joseph S.
Hobart, E. G.
Hotchkiss, John
Hotchkiss, Willard H.
Holland, James
Holaunt, Allen
Hodge, John,
Howard, Martin
Hunnewell, H.
Hunnewell F. W.
Hunnewell, J. W.
Hurd, Stephen,
Hurd, William,
Hunting, Israel, Jr.
Hurd, William E.
Hyde, William,

Jenkins, Ebenezer C.
Jenkins, William,
Jones, William
Jones, Cyrus W.
Jones, Pliny M.
Joy, Benjamin H.
Joy, Cyrus A.

Keefe, Thomas
Kingsbury, H. E.
Kilgore, A. B.
King, Peter
Kimball, Benjamin G.
Kiley, Patrick,
Knapp, Sumner,
Knapp, Cyrus W.
Knapp, Alvan P.
Knapp, George L.

Leach, Thomas
Leach, Patrick
Lemere, Leopold L.
Lee, John
Lee, Mark
Leonard, Patrick
Lock, Hollis
Lyon, Peter
Lyon, Edward,
Lyon Henry

Meyer, Joseph
Mansfield, William
Manning, Joseph S.
Mayo, Emery,
Mariner, Jacob
Marshall, John P.
Mahoney, Daniel,
McBride, Alexander
McLeod, Hugh
McLane, William
McLaughlin, John
McCarty, John
McIntosh, Nathan,
McIntosh, Francis A.
McLaughlin, Hugh,
McGrath, John
McMahan, Peter
McNamara, Patrick,
McCutcheon, Samuel
McSorley, Roger,
Milliken, James L.
Mills, E. Fisher
Mitchell, Reuben
Mitchell, John
Morse, George H.
Morse, William W.
Moran, Andrew,
Morton, William H.
Moody, Prince L.
Moody, Hiram
Morton, James
Moulton, George W.
Morton, C. Willard
Murphy, William
Murphoy, William
Murphy, Thomas
Mulloy, Thomas
Munroe, F. S.

Newman, F.
Nichols, Stephen L.
Noonan, Michael
Noyes, Charles
Norman, F. F.
Oaks, Laborious
OBrien, Cornelius
O'Brien, Patrick
O'Neil, James
Orr, Galen, Jr.

Partridge, B. F.
Palmer, George F.
Pero, Alfred
Percy, Patrick
Pettee, Charles A.
Perkins, Edmund T.
Phillips, Freeman
Post, Bernhardt,
Post, Paul
Reynolds, B. F.
Rearden, John
Regan, Jeremiah
Reynolds, O. B.
Revere, George B.
Rimmele, Edward
Rimmele, William J.
Rogers, Michael
Ryan, Patrick

Sargent, Joseph R.
Scruten, Ezra C.
Schnieder, John
Sherman, T. N
Simpson, John,
Slammon, Patrick
Slack, John W.
Slack, Charles B.
Smith, Thomas H.
Smith, Henry A.
Smith, Timothy N.
Small, R. Granville
Snow, Joseph H.
Stevens, Herbert J.
Sullivan, John
Sullivan, John, 3d
Sullivan, William
Sutton, James
Timmins, Michael
Tobin, James
Townsend, Royal A.
Truesdell, Charles
Tucker, Nathaniel L.
Tucker, Enos H.
Turner, George
Turner, Elisha

Waters, William
Ware, George D.
Warren, John
Webber, S. G.
Wheeler, Simeon
Wheeler, Samuel
Whitaker, W. R.
White, Robert
Wheeler, William
White, Horace N.
White, John
Willard, Frederick A.
Winterhalter, E
Williams, Silas G.
Winch, John
Winch, Martin
Wisner, George P.
Woodcock, Elijah
Wragg, George

Zink, Bernhard
Zink, Joseph

NON-RESIDENTS.

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Abbott, Charles F., - - - -		
Lot 178 Paine land, - - -	$30	$0 23
Abbott, Julian, mortgagee, - - -		
Lots 187 and 188 Paine land, - -	36	27
Adams, Paul, - - - -		5 55
1¼ acres improved land, Blodgett, - -	305	
1¼ " " " Stone - -	200	
2-3 " " " Batchelder, -	225	
Adams, West, estate of, - - -		
Lot 48. ½ 51. Kingsbury land, - -	45	34
Aldrich, Van R., - - - -		
Lot 30, Paine land, - - -	18	14
Allen, Hannah F., - - - -		4 94
Buildings, - - - -	600	
¼ acre improved land, - - -	50	
Allen, Andrew J., - - - -		101 08
Buildings, - - - -	1,500	
" Seth Lyon place, - -	350	
Dwelling, O'Brien, - - -	300	
" Brown, - - -	400	
71 acres improved land, - - -	7,100	
39 acres unimproved land, - -	3,200	
¾ acre improved land, - - -	150	
1 acre improved land, Tenny, -	300	
Allen, James, Jr., - - - -		10 64
Buildings, - - - -	800	
6 acres improved land, - - -	600	
Anderson & Davenport, - - -		
9 acres unimproved land, - -	675	5 13
Appleton Bank, mortgagee, - - -		
Lot 207 and 212, Holman land, - -	75	57
Ayer, Samuel, - - - -		12 92
Dwelling, - - - -	600	
2 acres improved land, - - -	1,100	
Ayer, Annette B., estate of, - - -		4 10
Dwelling, - - - -	450	
Lot 128 and commen, - - -	90	
Atwood, Benjamin F., - - -		
½ lot 101 Kingsbury land, - -	12	9

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Bacall, William K., 5-8 acre, ½ lot 15, Blanchard,	$75	$0 57
Bacon, Rufus F., ½ acre improved land,	25	19
Barnard, Henry, lot 50, Kingsbury land,	15	11
Baker, James L.,		15 96
Dwelling,	600	
3 acres improved land,	200	
5 acres unimproved land,	300	
7 acres improved land, Dana,	1,000	
Barney, Joseph, 2 acres improved land, Hurd,	75	57
Bagley, Michael, 2 acres improved land,	300	2 28
Baker, Jabez, 15 acres unimproved land,	350	2 66
Baker, George W., 12 acres improved land,	400	3 65
Bauer, John L., 4 acres unimproved land,	200	1 52
Battelle, Mary,		5 89
1 acre improved land,	300	
10 " " " Russell lot,	400	
1 " " " River lot,	75	
Barden, Frederick, ¾ acre improved land,	30	23
Baker, Dexter, 2½ acres unimproved land,	50	38
Barker, Geo. H., 10 acres improved land, meadow,	500	2 28
Bauer, Charles F.,		21 28
Buildings,	1,000	
40 acres improved land,	1,800	
Belcher, C. M. & Co., lot 26 Paine land,	20	15
Beck, Adam, lot 7, Kingsbury land,	16	12
Beals, John W., trustee,		25 08
Buildings,	2,900	
1½ acres improved land,	400	
Billings, Henry, trustee,		49 40
Buildings,	2,400	
4 acres improved land,	1,600	
8 " improved land,	1,200	
4 " improved land, orchard,	1,000	
1 " unimproved land, grove,	300	
Blanchard, William E., 5 acres unimproved land,	200	1 52
Blanchard, John S.,		1 44
1 1-3 acres unimproved land,	50	
4 2-3 acres unimproved land,	140	
Boyd, J. F.		22 04
Buildings, Richardson place,	1,000	
18 acres improved land,	900	
13 acres unimproved land,	350	
10 acres improved land, meadow,	650	
Brooks, Peter, C. Jr., Adm'r. 28 acres unimp. land,	2,800	21 28

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Boston & Worcester Railroad Cor.,		$76 76
½ depot buildings, W. Needham,	1,000	
Wood-sheds, "	1,000	
1½ acres improved land, "	300	
7 acres improved land, Blanchard place,	1,200	
1½ acres improved land, Grantville,	350	
Part freight house, Lower Falls,	500	
Wood-shed, and part engine-house, L. Falls,	300	
1 acre improved land, Lower Falls,	300	
6 acres improved land, Fisher & Allen,	350	
8 acres improved land, Rice,	1,500	
20 acres improved land, Stevens,	1,200	
59 acres unimproved land, "	2,000	
Lot 24, Kingsbury land,	100	
Brown, Jeremiah, lot 113, Paine land,	20	15
Brown, Lebbeus, Jr.,		53
Lot 121, 146, Paine land,	55	
½ lot 50, Kingsbury land,	15	
Boston, City of,		38 38
10 acres unimproved land, F. Stevens,	500	
4½ " improved land, "	200	
16½ " unimproved land, Roy,	800	
6 " improved, land, Mansfield,	300	
1¼ " improved land, Loomis,	100	
2½ " unimproved, land, Morse,	150	
1 acre improved land, Stone,	200	
½ acre improved land, Dix,	150	
4¾ acres improved land, Ferris,	500	
½ acre improved land, Allen,	150	
11¾ acres improved land, Slack,	1,600	
8½ acres improved land, R. R. bridge,	400	
Bradford, J. O.,		4 56
19 acres unimproved land, Knowlton,	400	
Dwelling,	200	
Bracket, Charles,		6 46
12 acres unimproved land, Woods,	300	
19 " " " Pine swamp,	400	
4 " " " J. Fuller,	150	
Bradford, Duncan, 15 acres unimp. land, Stevens,	1,000	7 60
Brown, Theo. L.,		13 68
Dwelling,	1,600	
1 acre improved land,	200	
Buerch, Charles F., ½ lot 129 Kingsbury land,	20	15
Bullard, Martha F., 6½ acres unimproved land,	150	1 14

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Burnett, Mary J.,		$0 76
1 acre improved land,	$50	
3 acres unimproved land, sprout,	50	
Butts, Wm., D., estate of, 4 acres unimproved land,	150	1 14
Cary, William A.,		20 33
Buildings,	550	
55 acres improved land,	1,700	
20 acres unimproved land,	425	
Carpenter, Mary, 2½ acres unimproved land,	50	38
Carter, Josiah H.,		3 99
½ acre improved land, Parish,	100	
7 acres unimproved land, Dover mills,	200	
15 acres unimproved land, Pond field,	225	
Campbell, A. R.,		1 90
1 acre improved land, Blanchard,	50	
1 " " " "	50	
1 " " " "	75	
1 " " " "	75	
Chamberlain, N. & G. D.		29 64
Buildings,	1,900	
Slaughter-house,	300	
Smoke-house,	100	
13 acres improved land,	1,450	
3 acres unimproved land,	150	
Chase, David N., 6 acres improved land	375	2 85
Chapman, O. S. & Co., (personal $9,200—69.92,)		
Chism, Almira, 4½ lots Kingsbury land,	130	99
Childs, George H.,		13 68
Buildings,	1,000	
15 acres improved land,	600	
5 " unimproved land,	200	
Clark, Rufus W.,		13 68
Buildings,	1,500	
3½ acres improved land,	300	
Cleary, Catherine E., lots 48 and 49, Paine land,	38	29
Cloutman, John S.,		24
1 acre improved land, Blanchard,	16	
1 " " " "	16	
Cooper, James, Jr.,		5 32
Buildings,	600	
1¼ acres improved land,	100	
Cousins, Seth, Jr., ½ acre improved land,	100	76
Cousins, Joseph E., ½ acre improved land,	100	76

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Collins, E. J., 65 acres unimproved land, Pettee, -	1,300	$9 88
Collins, Amasa, - - - - - - - -		8 93
Dwelling, - - - - - - - -	900	
½ acre improved land, - - - - -	200	
5 acres unimproved land, sprout,- - -	75	
Collins, Fred. A., - - - - - - -		13 68
7 acres unimproved land, High Rock, - -	175	
65 " " " Hundreds, - -	1,625	
Coolidge, Thomas, 9 acres unimproved land, Smith,	200	1 52
Coolidge, John, 10 acres unimproved land, Hundreds,	750	5 70
Cole, J. F. A., 2 lots Holman land, - - -	60	46
Cook, Benjamin, 3 acres unimproved land, Mogus hill,	100	76
Coe, John, estate of, 2 acres improved land, - -	300	2 28
Converse, Joshua, 9 lots Paine land, - - -	162	1 23
Cooper, Hugh, and Beck, Adam, - - - -		9 12
Buildings, - - - - - - - -	1,000	
1 1-8 acres improved land, - - - -	200	
Colburn, Joseph, - - - - - - -		7 07
18 acres unimproved land, - - - -	900	
2 " " " Ch. hill, - -	30	
Crehore, Lemuel, - - - - - - -		33 06
Paint shop, - - - - - - -	200	
1-16 acre land, - - - - - -	100	
6 acres unimproved land, Bartlett, - -	250	
Machine shop and wheel, - - - -	2,000	
Shop for wood work, - - - - -	600	
Office building, - - - - - -	100	
½ acre land, water privilege, - - - -	1,000	
1-16 acre land, - - - - - -	100	
Per.$2,200—tax 16.72.		
Crosby, William, 6 acres improved land, - -	900	6 84
Crosby, Darius, - - - - - - -		
Dwelling, - - - - - - - -	700	6 08
½ acre improved land, - - - - -	100	
Curtis, Joseph, heirs of, 6 acres unimproved land,	300	2 28
Cullen, George, lot 121 Kingsbury land, - -	35	27
Curtain, Abby Ann, - - - - - -		72
Lot 131 Paine land, - - - - - -	8	
½ 4 lots Kingsbury land, - - - -	60	
2 lots Holman land, - - - - -	27	
Curtain, Jeremiah, lot 136 Paine land, - -	18	14
Craft, Moses, 4 acres unimproved land, - - -	50	38
Davis, John H., 3 lots Paine land, - - -	76	58

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Day, Ralph, and A. & M. Allen,		
40 acres unimproved land, Hundreds,	$1,000	$7 60
Dana, Charles B.,		78 28
Dwelling,	3,400	
" old,	100	
2 Barns,	500	
38 acres improved land,	2,800	
13 acres unimproved land,	1,000	
20 acres improved land, Fuller,	1,000	
13 1-3 acres improved land, Flagg & Brown,	1,500	
Davis, Seth, 3 acres, Kingsbury land,	110	84
Damon, John W.,		15 20
Buildings,	1,600	
1-3 acre improved land,	400	
Daily, Bartholomew, and R. Newton,		6 08
Barn,	100	
15 acres improved land,	700	
Danforth, B. F., mortgagee,		39 90
Dwelling, Williams,	2,900	
½ acre improved land, Williams,	500	
21 acres improved land, near Winship,	1,850	
Dejean, Eugene, 2 lots Kingsbury land,	58	44
Dewerson, H. S. & N.,		21 70
Dwelling, occupied by Manning,	500	
2 lots, Paine land,	80	
Dwelling, vacant,	700	
Lot 185, Paine land,	50	
Dwelling, store,	800	
Lot 186, Paine land,	50	
Dwelling, occupied by White,	600	
Lots 208, 213, Holman land,	75	
Dewing, Francis, 5 acres improved land,	150	1 14
Dinnean, Timothy, 5 acres improved land,	500	3 80
Durant, Henry, F.,		89 68
Buildings,	2,300	
50 acres improved land,	3,500	
60 acres unimproved land,	3,600	
Dwelling, Gannon,	300	
19 acres improved land, Smith,	2,000	
¾ acre improved land, City,	100	
$710 per.—$5.40.		
Dunn, R. B., 2 acres improved land, W. Jones,	200	1 52
Duclois, Zem., lot 200, Paine land,	5	4
Darragh, Hugh, 8 acres improved land, Paine,	500	3 80

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Eames, Moses, 1-3 acres improved land, Paine, -	$50	$0 38
Eayrs, W. N., 8 1-3 acres improved land, - -	900	6 84
Elliot, Mary S., 5½ lots Paine land, - -	75	57
Elliot, Gustavus, - - - - -		2 51
15½ lots Paine land, - - - -	288	
½ each, lots 109, 102, 67, Kingsbury land, -	42	
Ellis, David, heirs of, - - - -		44 08
Buildings, nail factory, - - -	2,000	
Water privilege, - - - -	2,500	
43½ acres unimproved land, - - -	1,300	
$1,000 personal—7.60.		
Ely, Alfred, B., - - - - -		30 40
Buildings, - - - - -	1,800	
33 acres improved land, - - -	1,000	
49 acres unimproved land, - - -	1,100	
4 2-3 acres unimproved land, Esther Mills, -	100	
Everett, Edward, 8 acres unimproved land, Blanchard,	143	1 09
Everett, Joseph, C., estate of, 4 acres unimp. land, -	200	1 52
Fairbanks, J. L., - - - -		26 60
Buildings, - - - - -	2,500	
2½ acres improved land, - - -	1,000	
$230 personal—$1.75.		
Felton, Horace, - - - - -		14 06
Dwelling, - - - - -	1,000	
7 acres improved land, - - -	350	
10 acres unimproved land, - - -	250	
7 " unimproved land, wood, - -	250	
$84 personal—$0.64.		
Felton, Charles, 4½ acres unimproved land, wood, -	150	1 14
Ferris, J. A., 4 lots Ware land, - - -	325	2 47
Fisher, George, 2 lots, Kingsbury land, - -	50	38
Fisher, Freeman and others, - - -		2 09
6 acres unimproved land, - - -	200	
2½ acres unimproved land, J. Newell, - -	75	
Freeman, Whipple, 5¼ acres improved land, -	350	2 66
Fries, Henry D. C., - - - -		11 78
Buildings, - - - - -	700	
6 acres improved land, - - -	200	
12 acres unimproved land, - - -	200	
20 acres unimproved land, Daniels land, -	450	
Frost, Charles, lot 82, Kingsbury land, - -	30	23
French, J. E., I. M. and M. A., 13 acres improved land	550	4 18
Forsyth, William, 8 acres unimproved land, - -	175	1 33

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Fuller, Solomon, 4 acres unimproved land, -	150	$1 14
Fuller, Samuel F., 9 acres improved land, -	250	1 90
GAY, Frederick A. W., - - - -		3 61
12 acres improved land, - - -	300	
12 acres unimproved land, - - -	175	
Gerrish, George W., 4 lots Paine land, - -	66	50
Gladstone, R. G., lot 7 Paine land, - -	30	23
Goodrich, Jesse W., estate of, 2 lots, Paine land, -	40	30
Goulding, John A., 66½ acres unimp. land, Hundreds.	1,050	7 98
Goodridge, Philip W. and others, 20 acres unimp. land,	600	4 56
Greenwood, Artemas, 5 acres unimproved land, -	200	1 52
Granite Company, 4 lots Blanchard land, - -	66	50
Green, Catherine, - - - - -		3 88
5 lots Holman land, - - - -	260	
Dwelling, - - - - -	250	
Grover, Simeon, - - - - -		8 74
Buildings, - - - - -	650	
6 acre improved land, - - -	400	
3 acres unimproved land, - - -	100	
Greer, John, - - - - -		2 33
5 lots Holman land, - - - -	107	
Dwelling, - - - - -	200	
HART, Abraham, heirs of, - - -		4 56
Dwelling, - - - - -	400	
½ acre improved land, - - - -	200	
Hartigan, Patrick, - - - -		4 94
4 acres improved land, - - -	300	
5 acres unimproved land, - - -	350	
Hull, David, - - - - -		2 85
10 acres unimproved land, - - -	200	
8 acres improved land, - - -	175	
Hazlitt, William, heirs of, 6 acres unimproved land,	250	1 90
Hardy, B. T., 1 acre Blanchard land, - -	45	34
Hayden, John C. and W. A., 26 acres unimp. land,	1,450	11 02
Haven, Curtis, 5 acres unimp. land, Fiske, - -	350	2 66
Hatch, E. B., lot 133 Paine land, - - -	20	15
Hastings, Benjamin,		
½ lot 242 Holman, ½ 67 Kingsbury, - -	50	38
Hamilton, Merritt, lot 12 Kingsbury land, - -	30	23
Haynes, Charles, - - - - -		7 60
5 acres improved land, Noyes, - -	400	
15½ acres improved land, " - - -	600	

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Hanna, Thomas, 1½ acres improved land, Clark,	$450	$3 42
Hammond, Thomas F., Adm'r., 7 acres unimp. land,	100	76
Healey, John,		3 80
2-3 buildings, Haley,	200	
2 acres improved land,	100	
4 acres unimproved land,	200	
Heath, Charles, 30 acres unimproved land,	500	3 80
Heintz, John, lot 110 Kingsbury land,	25	19
Hill, Eli, estate of, 1 acre land, Blanchard,	35	27
Hill, William H.,		11 04
Buildings,	100	
1½ acres improved land,	300	
4 acres improved land, Russell,	150	
Hoyt, Sarah B. K., 7 acres improved land, Rosemary,	400	3 04
Hollis, John L., 1 acre improved land, Gilson,	125	95
Hovey, Ebenezer,		10 64
Buildings,	1,200	
¾ acre improved land,	200	
Holt, Albert,		9 12
Dwelling,	1,100	
¼ acre improved land,	100	
Hodges, Leonard,		15 58
Buildings,	1,150	
15 acres improved land,	600	
15 acres unimproved land,	300	
Horan, Timothy, lot 111 Paine land,	15	11
Holmes, George, lot 122 Paine land,	15	11
Hoffman, John,		3 80
Barn and shed,	200	
2 acres unimproved land,	200	
6 acres improved land, meadow, $80 personal—$0.61.	100	
Holman, R. W., 26 lots Holman land,	515	3 91
Hunting, Willard, 1 acre land, Blanchard,	250	1 90
Hunnewell, H. H., R. C. Winthrop and B. F. Crowninshield, mortgagees,		22 80
Stock house, South mills,	50	
Store buildings, "	300	
Paper-mill privilege, South mills,	2,000	
6½ acres improved land, "	650	
Hurd Leonard,		3 99
2 acres improved land, Stoyle,	75	
10 acres improved land, Stoyle,	450	
Hunting, Martin, 2¾ acres improved land, Stoyle,	1 75	1 33

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Houghton, Samuel H., 2 lots Paine land, - -	$55	$0 42
Jenness, Woodbury, lot 11 Kingsbury land, -	30	23
Jenkins, William H., ½ lots 105 and 109 Kingsbury ld.	30	23
Jennings, John, 12 acres improved land, Dadmun,	500	3 08
Josselyn, G. E., ½ lot 111 Kingsbury land, - -	10	8
Johnson, John, - - - - - -		46
1 lot Paine land - - - -	25	
3 lots Kingsbury land, - - -	36	
Jones, Francis, - - - - -		6 27
Buildings, - - - - -	500	
8 acres unimproved land, - - -	325	
Jones, Vaughn, ($500 personal—$3.80.) - -		
Kennedy, John, and McLane James,		
15 acres unimproved land, - - -	200	1 52
Kelley, Hugh, 15 acres improved land, Shepard. -	300	2 28
Kendall, J. G., lot 158 Paine and 44 Kingsbury land,	40	30
Kingsbury, George, 5 acres improved land, meadow.	100	76
Kimball, Moses, 1 acre improved land, Orr, - -	300	2 28
Kingsbury, Job, N., - - - -		2 66
Dwelling, - - - - -	300	
¼ acre improved land, - - -	50	
Kramer, George A., - - - -		14 06
Buildings, Freienworth, - -	550	
16 acres improved land, " - - -	500	
50 acres unimp. land, " - - -	800	
Loker, Ephraim, - - - -		7 89
Buildings, - - - - -	250	
5 acres improved land, - - -	150	
17 acres improved land, - - -	350	
20 acres improved land, - - -	300	
Leonard, Sabina, lot 91 Paine land, - -	1,400	11
Leadbetter, Charles N., estate of,		
28½ acres unimproved land, Hundreds, -	1,000	7 60
Leverett, Daniel, 2 acres Blanchard land, - -	85	65
Lovewell, Samuel, 16 acres unimproved land, Hundreds	400	3 04
Lovewell, Isaac, estate of,		
2½ acres unimproved land, Kingsbury, -	50	38
Locke, William B., 8 acres improved land, meadow,	300	2 28
Loomis, J. B., 4 acres Blanchard land, - -	436	3 31
Lyon, Joshua B.,		
40 acres unimproved land, - - -	1,000	7 60

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
MARRS, John N.,		$0 19
Lot 34 Paine land,	15	
½ lot 97 Kingsbury land,	10	
Maxwell, Catherine,		18 24
Buildings,	900	
1 acre improved land,	400	
5 " " "	700	
5 acres unimproved land,	400	
Mann, Daniel, estate of,		6 84
Dwelling,	875	
¼ acre improved land,	25	
McIntosh, Michael, 20 acres unimproved land,	400	3 04
McFarlane, William A.,		18 24
Buildings, occupied by Pickering,	2,100	
1 acre improved land, "	300	
McMahan, Philip, 32 acres imp. land, Mansfield,	725	5 51
Mills, Dexter T.,		29 64
Dwelling,	200	
3 acres improved land, Palmer,	500	
14½ acres unimproved land,	500	
17 " " "	500	
Buildings, R. Mills place,	1,000	
12 acres improved land,	500	
19 acres unimproved land,	600	
4 acres improved land, meadow,	100	
Mills, Isaac B., lot 11 Paine land,	20	15
Mills, Rufus, 2 1-3 acres imp. land, Esther Mills,	50	38
Morey, George, trustee, 14 acres unimproved land,	250	1 90
Morse, Martha A., 3 acres improved land, meadow,	150	1 14
Merriam, George D.,		31
2 lots Kingsbury land,	27	
1 lot Paine land,	14	
Morrill, Frank E., ½ lot 99 Kingsbury land,	14	11
Monson, N. C.,		34 20
18½ acres improved land, Colburn,	2,500	
100 acres unimproved land, Fuller,	2,000	
$20,500 personal—$155.80.		
Murdock, Wm. C., 1¼ acres improved land,	600	4 56
Murphy, Jeremiah, lot 19 Blanchard land,	100	76
Moore, Curtis B.,		6 08
Buildings, Batchelder,	500	
7½ acres improved land, Batchelder,	300	
NEWTON, Geo. F., lot 24 Paine land,	15	11

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Newton Mills Co., 5 acres unimproved land, -	$300	$2 28
Newton, Leonard, lot 79 Paine land, - -	15	11
N. E. Loan and Trust Association, - -		3 04
Buildings, - - - - -	250	
1¼ acres improved land, - - -	150	
Newell, Benjamin, 13 acres improved land, -	1,000	7 60
Newell, Josiah, estate of, - - - -		7 60
Buildings, - - - - -	900	
¾ acre improved land, - - -	100	
Newell Joseph A., - - - -		29 64
Buildings, - - - - -	700	
20 acres improved land, - - -	1,000	
30 acres unimproved land, - - -	750	
7 " " " Dug Hill, - -	200	
2½ " " " Fisher, - -	75	
8 " " " Battelle, - -	600	
24 " " " Draper, - -	500	
1½ acres improved land, meadow, - - $175 personal—$1.33.	75	
Newman, Andrew, 11 acres improved land, Webber,-	600	4 56
N. Y. and Boston Railroad Corporation, - -		13 68
Freight house, - - - -	400	
Engine house, - - - -	800	
Passenger depot, - - - -	300	
1 acre improved land, - - -	300	
Nichols, Lucy R., 5½ acres improved land, -	550	4 18
Nutter, Sarah H., - - - -		10 64
Dwelling, - - - - -	1,200	
1¼ acres improved land, - - -	200	
O'Brien, John, - - - - -		4 79
Dwelling, - - - - -	500	
4 lots Kingsbury land, - - -	130	
Offley, Greensburg W., lot 36 Paine land, - -	18	14
Osgood, Isaac, 5½ acres improved land, Gt. Plain, -	600	4 56
Osmore, Charles L., - - - -		6 84
Dwelling, on cape, - - - -	350	
¾ acre improved land, on cape, - -	100	
Dwelling, " - - -	350	
¾ acre improved land, " - - -	100	
Otis, James, heirs of, 8 acres improved land, Tisdale,	150	4 56
7 acres unimproved land, - - - -	175	
5 acres unimproved land, - - -	200	
1½ acres improved land, meadow, - -	75	

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
PAGE, Taylor, - - - - -		$13 68
Dwelling, Lower Falls, - -	$1,500	
¼ acre improved land, " - - -	300	
Paine, David, - - - - -		6 08
12 acres unimproved land, Winch, - -	400	
12 acres unimproved land, Morse, - -	400	
Parker, Sarah, - - - -		12 16
Dwelling, - - - - -	1,500	
1-8 acre improved land, - - -	100	
Payson, Samuel R., - - - -		141 93
Buildings, - - - - -	6,000	
" occupied by Caldwell, - -	1,500	
70 acres improved land, - - -	5,950	
77 acres unimproved land, - - -	2,150	
10 acres unimproved land, - - -	150	
23 acres improved land, Reynolds, - -	1,100	
28 acres unimproved land, " - -	925	
10 acres unimproved land, McIntosh, - -	200	
3½ acres improved land, Knapp, - -	600	
1 acre improved land, Pierce, - -	100	
$1,025 personal—$7.79.		
Parish, First, Treasurer, Brook'n., 18¼ acres unimproved land, Hundreds, - -	350	2 66
Pettengill, S. M., 2¼ acres improved land, -	400	3 04
Perry, John J., ($400 personal—$3.04.)		
Pettee, Charles F., - - - -		6 08
3 acres improved land, - - -	200	
17 acres unimproved land, - - -	600	
Perkins, H. J., lot 168 Holman land, - -	30	23
Pettee, Simon, heirs of, ½ acre improved land, -	50	38
Perry, Elijah, - - - - -		4 10
3 acres improved land, - - -	150	
1-3 acre—shoe shop, on cape, - - -	150	
¼ acre improved land, " - - -	50	
½ acre improved land, Harvey, - -	150	
1 acre improved land, Cohn, - - -	40	
Pierce, Eunice, 9 acres unimproved land, Wood, -	400	3 04
Procter, Abel, 5 acres Blanchard land, - -	288	2 19
Prentiss, Frank S., 1 acre improved land, Harvey,	300	2 28
Price, J. H., lot 88 Paine land, - - -	12	9
Parkhurst, N. R., Lot 63 Paine land, - -	20	2 62
14½ lots Kingsbury land, - - - -	325	
Pierce, Anna R., buildings, Bacon place, - -	850	8 36
5 acres improved land, - - -	250	

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
REED, Daniel, lot 20 Kingsbury land,	$20	$0 15
Reed, John, lot 4 Paine land,	30	23
Richards, Betsey, 50 acres unimproved land,	1,400	10 64
Richards, Luther, 2 acres improved land,	40	30
Richards, Calvin, 4 acres improved land,	150	2 66
8 acres improved land, Battelle,	200	
Richards, Calvin, and Battelle Ralph,		5 70
Dwelling, Newell place,	700	
¼ acre improved land,	50	
Richards, Jeremiah F., heirs of,		16 91
12 acres unimproved land,	350	
5 acres unimproved land,	150	
40 acres unimproved land,	1,200	
15 acres unimproved land, Fuller,	400	
6 acres unimproved land, near Gay place,	125	
Rice, Marshall. S., 30 acres unimp. land, Kingsbury,	900	6 84
Rice, George T.,		44 46
Dwelling, Lower Falls,	250	
1 1-3 acres improved land, Lower Falls,	300	
Dwelling, occupied by Guild,	900	
4½ acres improved land, Guild,	2,400	
Dwelling, occupied by Jenkins,	2,000	
Rice, Thomas, estate of, 11 acres unimproved land,	150	1 14
Rice, Thomas, Jr.,		141 36
Paper-mill and privilege,	8,000	
Paper-mill and privilege, W. & M.,	6,000	
Stock house,	300	
Paint Shop,	500	
Dwelling, occupied by Gould,	2,000	
¼ acre improved land,	200	
Dwelling,	950	
¼ acre improved land,	150	
Blacksmith's shop,	500	
$1,500 personal—$114.00.		
Rice & Garfield,		55 48
Paper-mill and privilege,	7,000	
Stock house,	250	
Counting house,	50	
$6,200 personal—$47.12.		
Riggs, Jackson, ½ lot 51 Kingsbury,	15	11
Ring, Asa T., 7 lots Paine land,	103	2 52
9 lots Kingsbury land,	229	
Rundlett, T. M. mortgagee, buildings,	2,200	17 86
1 acre improved land,	150	

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Ryder, J. & C. C. ½ lot 40 Kingsbury land, -	$18	$0 14
Robbins, Chandler, ½ lot 98 Kingsbury land, -	1,500	11
Rowe, Thomas H., lots 135 and 137 Paine land, -	35	27
Risk, Thomas P., - - - - -		16 43
Buildings, Livingston place, - - -	1,200	
21 acres improved land, - - -	900	
4 acres unimproved, swamp, - -	50	
Richardson, Daniel S., - - - -		5 37
19 lots Paine land, - - - -	695	
1 lot Holman land, - - - -	12	
Safford, Henry, 4 lots Holman land, - -	180	1 37
Sargent, John T. & H., 49 acres unimproved land, -	3,600	27 36
Sargent, Charles, ½ acre improved land, Great Plane.	160	1 21
Seaverns, Abijah, heirs of, - - -		
20 acres unimproved land, Hundreds, -	350	2 66
Seaverns, Samuel, 14 acres unimproved land, -	850	6 46
Sewall, Thomas, R., 13 acres unimproved land, -	250	1 90
Scofield, Edward, lot 140 Paine land, - -	25	19
Slack, Ruggles, estate of, 10 acres unimproved land,	700	5 52
Slack, Robert F., estate of, - - -		37 81
32 acres unimproved land, Hundreds, - -	700	
35 " " " - -	1,400	
39 " " " Hundreds, -	400	
51 " " " " -	700	
17 " " " North hill, -	500	
33 " " " Hundreds, -	900	
16 " " " " - -	375	
Stedman, Rebecca, heirs of, - - -		11 02
Dwelling, - - - - -	600	
3 acres improved land, - - -	850	
Smith, Dorothy, 1½ acres improved land, - -	25	19
Smith, James, 3 1-3 acres improved land, meadow, -	50	38
Slack, Lewis & Mary Ann Hancock,		
13¼ acres unimproved land, meadow, - -	1,150	8 74
Smith, Larkin, 16 lots Paine land, - - -	287	2 18
Souchard, Jules, - - - - -		39 90
Dwelling, - - - - -	3,500	
9 acres improved land, - - -	1,000	
10 acres unimproved land, - - -	750	
Sohier, William D., 10 acres improved land, meadow,	100	76
Stearns, Ziba, 1 acre improved land, Griffin, -	225	1 71
Spaulding, Stephen H., 8 acre unimp. land, Pine hill,	200	1 52
Stevens, Otis, estate of, 62 acres unimp. land, Hundreds,	750	5 70

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Strocker, Henry,		$6 05
Dwelling,	$550	
5 lots Kingsbury land,	246	
Stone, P. R. L.,		8 36
Buildings,	900	
¾ acre improved land,	200	
Sumner, M. P., 2 lots Holman land,	30	23
Sumner, Samuel B.,		21 09
Buildings,	2,000	
2½ acres improved land,	700	
1½ acres unimproved land,	75	
Taylor, Henry, 1 acre Blanchard land,	100	76
Tenny, Simon, estate of, 1 acre Blanchard land,	75	57
Thornton, John B., lot 13 Paine land,	40	53
Lot 137 Kingsbury land,	30	
Thornton, Joseph, estate of, lot 180 Paine land,	30	23
Thaxter, Levi, estate of, 10 acres unimp. land, wood,	550	4 18
Tirrell, Artemas, 2 acres Blanchard land,	160	1 22
Tolman, John B., 7 acres unimproved land,	200	1 52
Maynard, J. W., 1 acre improved land, Parish,	75	57
Townsend, Cristopher F.,		22 04
Buildings,	2,300	
1 acre improved land,	600	
Tucker, Ralph W.,		15 20
Buildings,	1,800	
1 acre improved land,	200	
Turner, Margaret, lot 173 Holman land,	30	23
Tucker, James & Co. ($400 personal—$3.04.)		
Twitchell, Stillman, mortgagee, 1½ acres imp. land.	200	1 52
Twitchell, Genery, 1 acre improved land, Whitaker,	200	1 52
Ward, Hannah, paper-mill and water privilege,	10,000	76 00
Warren, Joseph M., estate of, lot 219 Holman land,	30	23
Warden, Wm. C., ½ acre Blanchard land	8	6
Ware, Daniel N.,		4 71
½ Dwelling,	400	
½ acre improved land,	100	
4 ½ acres unimproved land, Hundreds,	120	
Watson, Martha B., heirs of,		4 18
Dwelling,	400	
1 acre improved land,	150	
Wason, James. W., ½ acre improved land, Gt. plain,	160	6 54
30 acres unimproved land,	700	

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Walker, Henry W.,		$34 20
Dwelling,	$1,600	
Store building,	1,000	
Stable,	200	
1 acre improved land, "	200	
Dwelling, occupied by Cleland,	1,350	
¾ acre improved land,	150	
Washburn, Nathan, 3 lots Paine land,	56	2 36
6 lots Holman land,	255	
Weaver, W. H., buildings,	2,200	21 28
3½ acres improved land,	600	
Wells, Susan and Jane,		134 52
Buildings,	10,000	
20 acres improved land,	4,500	
31 acres unimproved land, King road,	1,000	
15 " " " Train hill,	800	
18 " " " Smith & Parker,	1,200	
2¼ " " " Griggs,	100	
¾ " " " Thompson,	100	
Wendell, Jacob, Jr.,		49 40
Buildings,	3,100	
13 acres improved land, ($275. personal—$2.09.)	3,400	
Weston, Alpha M., ($600 personal—$4.56.)		
Wolkins, John F., 1¼ acres improved land, Thurston,	100	76
Welsh, William, 4 acres improved land, Carter,	400	3 04
Welsh, Patrick, 1 acre improved land, Carter,	150	1 14
Wheeler, Loring, 9 acres improved land,	450	3 42
Whittemore, John, 8 acres improved land,	200	1 52
Winslow, Eleazer, 3 acres improved land,	1,300	11 40
15 acres improved land, Stoyle,	1,200	
Winslow, Jesse, 10 acres improved land,	400	3 04
Wilson, Ephraim, 4 acres improved land, meadow,	75	57
Wight, Daniel, 2¾ acres improved land, meadow,	250	1 90
Woodcock, George S., 1 lot Paine land, No. 130,	30	23
Winchester, Amasa,		60 04
10 acres unimproved land, Smith,	600	
134, acres unimproved land, Garfield,	3,700	
27 acres unimproved land,	1,600	
14 acres unimproved land,	2,000	
Wood, George, W., lot 145 Paine land,	35	27
Wooodward & Griggs, 2 acres improved land, Ware,	150	1 14
Wright, John S.,		4 94
5½ acres unimproved land, City,	300	
2¾ " " " "	350	

NAMES.	Value of Real Estate.	Tax on Real Estate.
Wyman, Daniel, 5 acres improved land, - -	100	76
Wood, George H., - - - -		32 68
Buildings, Morse place, - - -	1,950	
2 acres improved land, Morse place, - -	200	
$8\frac{1}{2}$ acres unimproved land, " - -	500	
12 acres improved land, " - -	600	
24 acres unimproved land, - - -	950	
$\frac{3}{4}$ acre improved land, Clement, - -	100	

SOLOMON FLAGG, *Town Clerk.*

NEEDHAM, February 2, 1863.

ANNUAL REPORT,

OF

The School Committee,

FOR THE

TOWN OF NEEDHAM,

For The Year Ending, April,

1863.

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REPORT.

Fellow Citizens: We are glad to report to you that the past year has been favorable on the whole, in regard to the success of the schools. The summer and winter teachers, with but two exceptions, were unchanged. Each school was kept out to its appointed time. Sickness has prevailed throughout the school year to an unusual extent, and more than one of those bright, young faces, that gladdened us at its commencement has been changed and sent away from earthly scenes and duties. After a service of many years an accomplished and valued teacher retires from office carrying with her the gratitude of parents, scholars, and the committee, who wish for her happiness and length of days in whatever position she may be placed. For the first time, probably, in the history of the town our winter schools have been taught by females only. All but one of the number who wished to teach again, have been, it is understood, re-engaged. Of some among their number it is not too much to say, that they have no superiors as

teachers, and that scholars may be taught by them all that is wanted to constitute a high school education. Those who have not followed the schools closely, are surprised to find that they have kept even pace with the advanced demands of the friends of education. Geometry, Physical Geography, History, Algebra, Drawing, Book-keeping, Natural Philosophy, in addition to other required and non-required studies, were well taught, and the recitations at the visits of the committee, and at the public examinations, gave evidence that they were well learned.

In more than one school a very interesting exercise was witnessed in mental arithmetic, the scholars in turn giving out questions without the books, and the answers returned in the same way. The committee ask the parents and the friends of education to visit the schools in their respective localities before, at least, they decide to approve or condemn. They would impress upon the citizens of the town the folly of decrying the character of the schools, until they have themselves investigated their real condition. At the same time, they would commend anything in preference to the cold indifference, which leaves school matters only to those who are the chosen agents of the duty. The watchfulness, the earnestness, the spirit of self-sacrifice which has done so much to place the schools of Massachusetts where they stand pre-eminent, are worthy of all praise. But the growth and advance of schools is dependent on the growth

of population and of wealth. Many people leaving a thickly settled town because of its unhealthiness, or for a cheaper rent, or purchase, do not consider that their gain in one respect is to be balanced by a loss in some other. The sparsely settled village with its "magnificent distances," redolent of pure air, where land is still to be bought by the acre, and every man is acquainted with his neighbors, does not afford opportunity for a system of education which begins with the primary and ends with the college. A forced system, which may continue for a year or two, and then is abandoned, is like a plant reared under glass, which a sudden sun or storm withers and blights; while a system which grows with the growth and strengthens with the strength of a community, shall be like the oak, firm and firmer with every sun that shines and every wind that blows upon it. The neighboring University has for two hundred years been expanding to its present proportions, almost in equal ratio with the capital and its surroundings. Every sure step forward must be by degrees, as in the social condition, so in the intellectual. First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

The committee would ask your attention to a difficulty which obtains in some sections of the town, and is liable to increase the unwillingness on the part of many to accommodate teachers with board. In times when knowledge was less diffused than now, the superior wisdom of the teacher

clothed him with more reverence, and his presence as an inmate of the family was considered desirable. The best room and the best food was prepared for his use. Parents wisely thought that those whom their children were expected to reverence, and required to obey, were entitled to respect and attention from themselves; that in no better way could they manifest their love of learning than by honoring those who were its embodied dispensers to the young. Let it not be said of us, that as knowledge is more and more scattered broadcast among our children, the teacher is less welcome to our homes. Let him be cheered and encouraged in his arduous work by every comfort and attention that it may be in our power to bestow. Carrying forward whatever was good in the past, while pressing on to better things for the future, the wise retained, the foolish thrown away, may our schools be beacons to coming generations, and challenge the esteem of the future, as they deserve the regard of the present.

BENJ. G. KIMBALL,
For the School Committee.

NEEDHAM, April 10, 1863.

A TABLE

Showing the different Schools in Town, the names of the Teachers, their wages, and attendance during the closing term of the last school year.

LENGTH OF TERM—FOUR MONTHS.

Schools.	Teachers.	Whole No belonging to School.	Average Attend'ce	Wages
Great Plain.	Gram. Mary A. Churchill.	30	24	$96.00
do	Prim. A. M. Eaton.	43	33	88.00
East.	Carrie A. Hobbs.	49	35	88.00
Grantville.	Charlotte M. Sawyer.	56	41	88.00
North West.	Antoinette Perry.	29	22	88.00
Center.	Gram. Charl'te Kingsbury	39	31	96.00
do	Prim. A. E. Hofses.	55	41	88.00
North.	Gram. Rosine M. Smith.	50	41	96.00
do	Prim. Maria B. Goddard.	47	38	86.00
West.	Gram. Caroline E. Dewing	34	30	96.00
do	Prim. Isabel Washburn.	41	29	88.00
South.	C. M. Dunn.	25	19	88.00
		498	384	